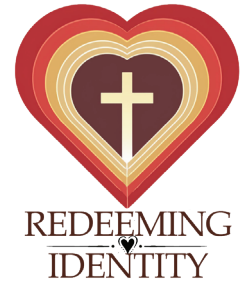


Identity-Focused Bible Study Guide



This Bible study guide is provided to assist you in viewing and study God's Word with an identity focus. An identity focus of studying the Bible is for the purpose of working with God in the process of transforming our identity, so we can be who He designed us to be. This guide uses an inductive study process that can be applied to any passage, with the purpose of discovering who God is and who we are and can be.

Prayer

Take a moment to pray, asking God to take this time and use it to show you more of who He is and who He has created you to become. Ask that He makes this time holy and set it apart for His purposes, giving you ears to hear what He wants you to learn.

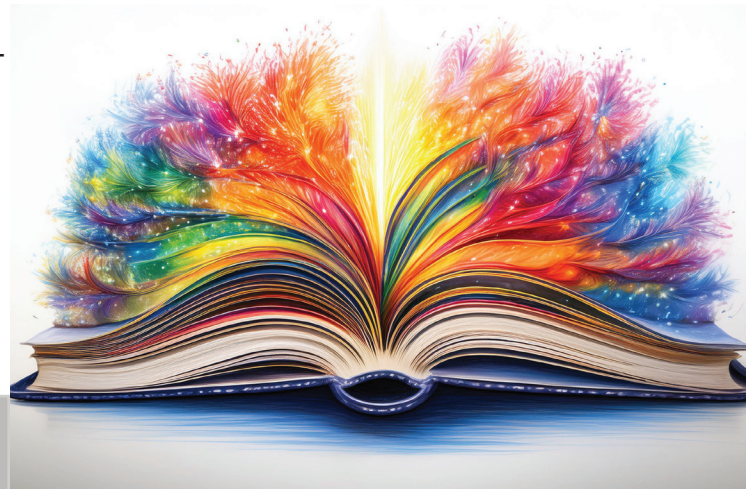
Scripture

Write the reference for the scripture passage. (It can be anything from a single verse to a whole chapter.)

Write a brief summary of the passage. (This is just a set of observations about the passage. In general, what is the passage about?)

Identity is the set of *principles, perspectives, purposes, and priorities* that we hold, consciously or unconsciously, at our core, that guides our feelings, decisions, and behaviors. The transformation of identity involves the transformation of our *principles, perspectives, purposes, and priorities* to be more inline with God's.

In the next section, we will focus on what observations we can make about identity from the passage.



Identity Observations

Based on your observations from the passage, is the focus on describing God’s identity or describing our identity?

Write as many observations about the different aspects of identity in the boxes below, based on the scripture passage.

When making observation about the aspects represented in the passage, the observations will support at least one, but it does not need to include all four aspects.

Principles (Truth)	Perspective (Point-of-view)
Purpose (Motivation)	Perspective (Value/Importance)

Application Process

The process of transforming our identity involves three stages: submit, sacrifice, and substitute.

- Submit: Agreeing with God that there is an aspect of our identity that He wants to transform.
- Sacrifice: Putting to death this aspect of our old identity by choosing to not use it.
- Substitute: Allow God to replace the old identity with a new aspect of our identity.

As you work through this section, allow God to show you what He wants to transform in you.

Based on your observations, are there any aspects of your identity that God wants to transform? Are there any principles, perspectives, purposes or priorities that do not align with God’s? (Be as specific as possible, referencing the principles, perspectives, purposes, and perspectives that you identified.)

The process of sacrificing is purposely putting to death the principle, perspective, purpose, or priority that does not align with God or His design for us. This is leaving behind or putting off that specific aspect of our old identity so that God can substitute His principle, perspective, purpose, or priority for an aspect of our new identity.

...put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.
Ephesians 4:23

Identify the principle, perspective, purpose, or priority that God is calling you to sacrifice and what does He want to substitute.

Sacrifice	Substitute

Part of sacrificing aspects of our old identity is recognizing what triggers it or how it is expressed. Take some time to consider how this aspect of your old identity (principle, perspective, purpose, or priority) is demonstrated in your life. We may also need support or accountability to sacrifice aspects of our old identity so God can substitute His new identity for us.

What do you need to do to sacrifice this aspect of your old identity? (Be as specific as possible and you may want to share this with others, to encourage and provide accountability.)



As we cooperate with God in transforming our identity, it will impact what we think, how we feel, what we do, and how we relate to others. As we put on our new identity, we will reflect God more than we did previously.

How will this transformation of our identity be demonstrated in our lives? How will this change how we live and what we do?

Prayer

As you finish, take time to pray and thank God for showing and teaching you. Thank Him for showing you Himself and who He created you to be. Ask Him for His power to know Him more and to put into practice what He has taught you.

Meditate and Memorize

To take the lesson from this study with you, select a verse from the passage to memorize, so you can consistently meditate on the truths that God has shared with you.

Memorization Passage: _____

