



Life Group 12 week Content - 12 Things Every Disciple Must Know

Week #1 - IDENTITY AND SALVATION

Daily I **WILL** identify myself with God my Creator and Jesus Christ my Savior.

- *Identifying with Christ vs. identifying with culture.*
- *We are made in God's image. He tells me who I am.*
- *Jesus Christ our Savior saves us from sin; saved by grace through faith.*

Every person has a deep longing to discover who they are and what their purpose is. It is in our human nature to wonder. Sometimes people spend their whole life trying to figure this out. But YOU don't have to worry about that. If you've been trying to answer these questions your whole life, your search can come to an end now. The Bible tells us that at the beginning of time, God existed and all of creation was made by Him. Out of all the things He created, God created humankind in His image and in His likeness. He fashioned us to look and live like Him. Many people search high and low, far and wide, trying to discover or create an identity for themselves. We can look to social groups as places to fit in and find identity. When these attempts fall through, people have an "identity crisis." You'll never have to experience such a crisis ever again when you learn that we don't have to look any further for identity than to He who made us to be.

When you identify with God as your Creator, then you'll live like His creation that was created in love for good works. When you know who you are then you know how you ought to live. We also get the amazing opportunity to receive God's Son, Jesus Christ, as our Savior. He was sent to save mankind from the power of sin by offering eternal salvation to anyone who would choose to believe and receive Him as such. This is a gift of God's grace to us that we receive by faith. Faith puts us on a journey of learning to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ; we learn to base our lifestyle choices based on our new identity in Christ, not the constant changing culture around us.

Let the adventures begin!

Supporting Statements:

- My existence is not a coincidence or an accident.
- Before everything was, God was.
- God is not a myth. He is Creator, God, and Father.
- Jesus Christ is God's gift to sinners.
- I don't earn salvation. I receive it as a gift by believing.

Read these passages:

Genesis 1:26-31, Ephesians 2:4-10

Answer the following questions in discussion form:

- What does this passage reveal about the nature of God?
- What does this passage reveal about Jesus?
- What does this passage reveal about me?

Weekly Challenge:

This week, we will complete a personal inventory challenge. Walk around your house, look in your closet and car, check out the apps on your phone, and evaluate your current lifestyle choices and ask yourself if they accurately represent your identity as a child of God. If not, then think about some changes you can make. Come ready next week to share at least one!