

COMMUNITY LIFE

Community Group Leader Guide

For the Week of November 24-30, 2024

Sermon Series: *Who Am I*

Watch the Leader Video and find all your resources online at
<https://clifec.com/community-group-resources/>

Need to watch the sermon? Check out our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/@CommunityLifeChurch>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharing Christmas

The Sharing Christmas page on our website goes live on Nov. 1! Visit clifec.com/sharingchristmas to:

- Sign up to serve
- Make a financial donation
- Purchase gifts through the Amazon Wish List

Baptism Sunday

We're excited to announce that our upcoming Baptism Sunday will take place on December 1, 2024, across all c|Life campuses! Baptism is a beautiful step in your faith journey, symbolizing your new life in Christ and your commitment to follow Him.

How to Sign Up for Baptism:

- Speak directly to your campus pastor.
- Visit our website at clifec.com/connect. Fill out the form, and a member of our team will reach out to you this week to provide more details and support.

SHARE

Icebreaker:

Ask the group: *"If you had to describe yourself using a single movie title, what would it be and why?"*

Quick Review:

The sermon this week challenged listeners to confront the question, "Who am I?" by exploring how our identity shapes every aspect of our lives. We learned that a proper view of self dismantles false identities based on performance, comparison, others' opinions, or past mistakes and instead roots us firmly in the truth of being "in Christ." With verses like Colossians 2:6-13 and 2 Corinthians 5:17, it highlights the transformative power of knowing who we are as new creations, justified, loved, and empowered by God. Paul encouraged believers to reject the enemy's lies, embrace their God-given identity, and live out the abundant life Christ offers. It's an inspiring call to walk in freedom, confidence, and purpose through the truth of the Gospel.

Make It Personal:

1. When you ask yourself, “Who am I?” what is your honest answer? How has that answer changed over time?
2. Which of the false identities discussed (performance, others’ opinions, comparison, regrets) do you struggle with most? How does it affect your life?
3. James Clear says, “Behavior that is incongruent with the self will not last.” Have you ever experienced this? How did changing your identity shift your actions?

STUDY

Go Deeper:

1. **Read Colossians 2:6-13.** What does being “rooted” in Him mean to you, and how does it impact your daily life?
2. **Dwell on 2 Corinthians 5:17 for a moment.** Talk about the practical implications along with the spiritual realities listed in this verse.
3. How does understanding your identity in Christ free you to live with more confidence and purpose? What practical steps can you take to walk in this truth?

Action Steps:

1. **Scripture Memorization:** Memorize 2 Corinthians 5:17 or another verse about identity to remind yourself of who you are in Christ.
2. **Social Media Detox:** Take a break from social media for a day (or more) to reset your heart and mind away from comparison.
3. **Encouragement Exercise:** Write an encouraging note to someone in the group affirming their identity in Christ.
4. **Practical Step to Change:** Identify one area where your actions don’t align with your identity in Christ. Take one step this week to align your behavior with the truth (e.g., replacing “I’m trying to quit” with “I’m not a smoker”).

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. **Freedom from Lies:** Pray for each group member to be set free from false beliefs about their identity.
2. **Strength to Fight:** Pray for spiritual strength to combat the lies of the enemy with truth.
3. **Renewed Mind:** Ask God to transform the group’s thinking so they see themselves the way He sees them.
4. **Living “In Him”:** Pray for the group to live out their identity in Christ boldly and confidently in their daily lives.
5. **Identity for Others:** Intercede for family and friends who are struggling with their sense of identity, asking God to reveal His truth to them.

BONUS CONTENT AND TIPS FOR LEADERS

Prepare

Before the group meeting, reflect on your own identity in Christ and share a personal story of how God has redefined who you are.

Dig deeper!

Ask follow-up questions that encourage deeper conversation, such as, “What makes it hard for you to believe that you’re loved with an everlasting love?”

Further insight

Check out works like *Atomic Habits* by James Clear or *Winning the War in Your Mind* by Craig Groeschel to explore the connection between identity and actions. Both are excellent!