

## COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

## IDENTITY IN CHRIST

## APPLY // VARIOUS PASSAGES

Take some time to review & apply the latest sermon.

1. Read John 1:1-5, 12, 6:35-40. How do these passages encourage you to think about your salvation?
2. Read 1 John 2:18-19, Matthew 24:10-13, Jude 19-21. How do these passages agree?
3. Discuss the various ways meaningful church membership holds us accountable to the faith and makes more 'plain' those who are in Christ and those who have 'left?'
4. Utilize other passages in the Bible to discuss the need to 'exhort,' 'admonish,' and 'wage war' in the faith.
5. Read Hebrews 12:1-2. What are the various ways we can look to Jesus?

## STUDY // MATTHEW

Study the passage of Scripture aiming to faithfully interpret and apply what you observe. Remember we study God's word not just to increase our knowledge, but to increase our trust in and treasuring of Jesus Christ.

Note: Healthy Bible study asks three questions:

- **Observation:** What do I see?
- **Interpretation:** What does it mean?
- **Application:** Why does it matter?

The questions below focus primarily on observation and application. The following week we'll turn our attention to more application oriented questions.

1. Read Matthew 3:13-4:17.
2. Why was Jesus baptized if he had no sin?
3. How does Jesus identify with us in his baptism?
4. Discuss the scene of Jesus' baptism. How are all three Persons of the Trinity present in 3:15-17?
5. Discuss the Father's words to the Son.
  - a. What does it mean that Jesus is God's "beloved Son"?
  - b. What does it mean that God is "well pleased" with his Son?
  - c. Why is the Father pleased with Jesus?
6. In 4:1, why is it important to notice that Jesus was "led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil."?
7. Compare what God the Father says to Jesus in 3:17 with what Satan says to Jesus in 4:3 and 4:6? What is Satan trying to do?
8. In what areas does Satan try to tempt Jesus to disobey God the Father? How does he tempt Jesus?
9. What do you notice about Jesus' responses to Satan?
10. What does this text tell us about the identity of Jesus?

11. Thinking about Adam and Eve in the Garden and Israel in the wilderness, how does this text show us that Jesus is the Greater Adam and the True Israel?

## ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

**QUESTION:** How are you looking to Christ for salvation and assurance of that salvation? Are there ways you need to help others do the same?