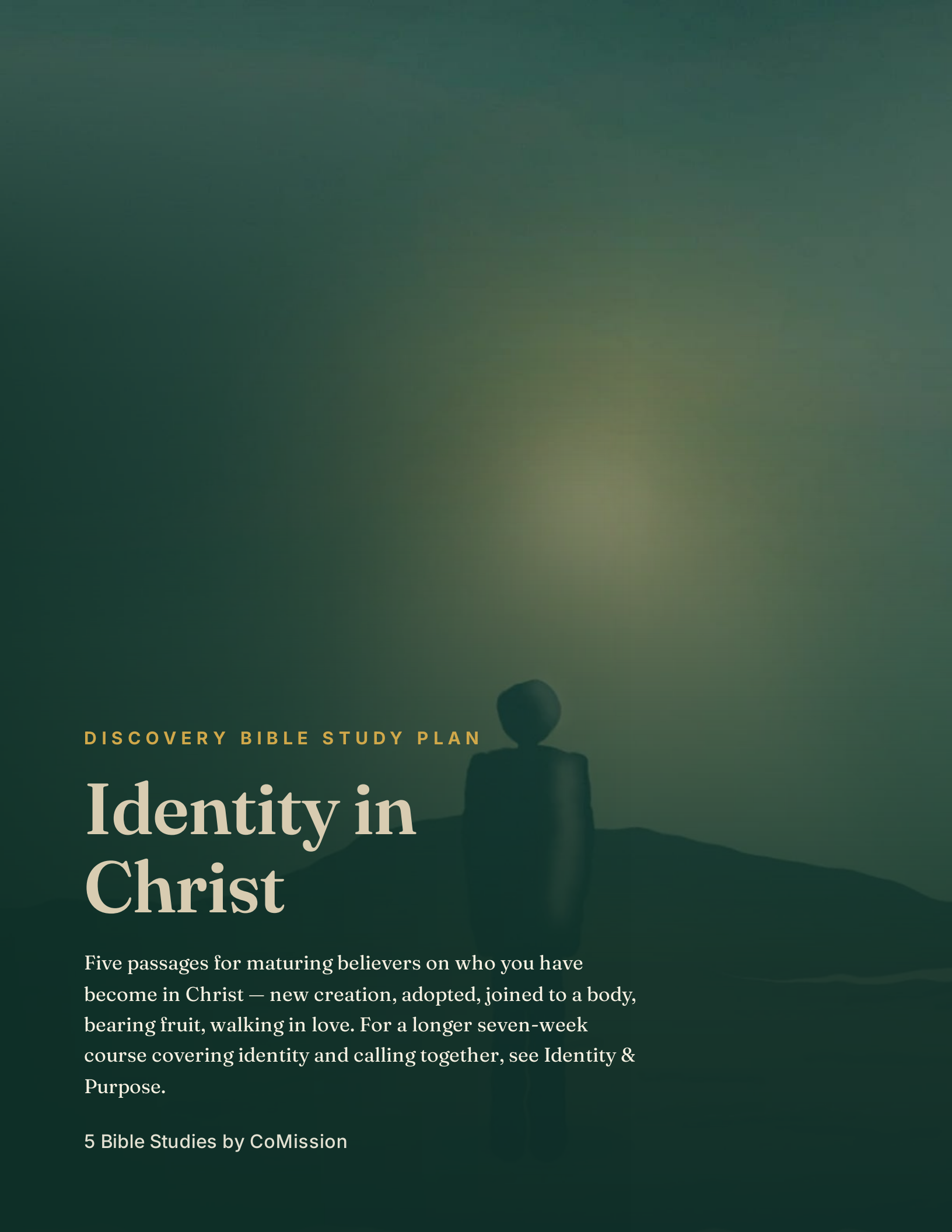




DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY PLAN

Identity in Christ

Five passages for maturing believers on who you have become in Christ — new creation, adopted, joined to a body, bearing fruit, walking in love. For a longer seven-week course covering identity and calling together, see [Identity & Purpose](#).

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How a Discovery Bible Study works

This page is for whoever leads the study. Everyone else only needs the passage.

A Discovery Bible Study has no teacher. The person leading only asks the questions; the Bible does the teaching. That is what makes it simple enough for anyone to lead — no title, no training, no materials, no money.

EAT, DIGEST, GROW

Eat the Word — Read the passage aloud, read it again, then close the Bible and have someone retell it in their own words. Reading is the bite, re-reading the chewing, the retelling the swallow. If the group can't retell it, read it once more before going on.

Digest — Work through the four questions. This is where the passage turns into faith and obedience — answered from what the text actually says, not from what someone already knew.

Grow — Growth is God's part, not yours. One plants, another waters, but God gives the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7). Do the cycle faithfully and leave the growing to Him.

THE FOUR QUESTIONS

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

- 1. What does this passage show me about God?**
- 2. What does it show me about people — and about myself?**
- 3. What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**
- 4. Who will I tell?**

THE SHAPE OF A MEETING

Look back — What are you thankful for? What is hard right now? How did you obey what we found last time, and who did you tell? Pray briefly for each other.

Look up — Read, re-read, retell — then the four questions.

Look forward — Each person says their own “I will...” out loud and names one person they will tell. Next time, the group asks about both. Asking is what turns a discussion into obedience.

THE ONE RULE: DON'T TEACH

The moment you start explaining, the group stops discovering. If someone says something that is not in the passage, do not correct them — ask, kindly, “Where do you see that in this passage?” and let them look. The text and the group sort it out. This is the rule that lets someone who has been in two studies lead the third.

Four to fifteen people. About an hour, once a week. Nothing else required.

A new creation

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. What does this passage show me about God?

What has God done through Christ, and what has he entrusted to us?

2. What does it show me about people — and about myself?

What does it mean that anyone in Christ is a new creation?

What does an ambassador do?

3. What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)

What old thing will you stop treating as who you are this week?

4. Who will I tell?

On whose behalf will you make the appeal 'be reconciled to God'?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

Pray

God, thank you that in Christ the old has gone and something new has come. Let me stop living out of the person I used to be, and send me as your ambassador.



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Adopted

Romans 8:14-17

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. What does this passage show me about God?

What does the Spirit do, and what does he testify to?

2. What does it show me about people — and about myself?

What is the difference between the spirit of a slave and the Spirit of adoption?

What does it mean to be a fellow heir with Christ?

3. What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)

Where are you still living in fear rather than as a child? What will you do about it this week?

4. Who will I tell?

Who do you know who has never heard God called Father?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

Pray

Father, thank you that your Spirit lets me call you Father. Take away the fear of a slave, and let me live as your child and heir.

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The body

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. What does this passage show me about God?

Who arranges the parts of the body, and on what basis?

2. What does it show me about people — and about myself?

What are the two wrong things the parts say — and which one do you say?

How does the body treat the parts that seem weaker or less honorable?

3. What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)

Which part of the body will you honor or need out loud this week?

4. Who will I tell?

Who has been treating themselves as though they don't belong?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

Pray

God, thank you that you placed me in the body exactly as you wanted. Keep me from thinking I don't belong, or that I don't need anyone else.



This study online

The fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:16-26

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. What does this passage show me about God?

What does the Spirit produce, and what does Paul say there is no law against?

2. What does it show me about people — and about myself?

What is the conflict Paul describes between the flesh and the Spirit?

Is fruit something you manufacture or something that grows?

3. What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)

Which fruit is most missing in you? What will you ask the Spirit for, and where will you walk in step with him this week?

4. Who will I tell?

Who could you invite to walk in step with the Spirit alongside you?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

Spirit of God, I cannot produce this by trying harder. Lead me, and grow your fruit in me — starting where I am least like Christ.



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Living in love

Ephesians 5:1-21

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. What does this passage show me about God?

What does Paul say to imitate, and what pattern of love does he point to?

2. What does it show me about people — and about myself?

What does he say is out of place for God's people, and what belongs instead?

What does it mean to walk as children of light?

3. What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)

What one thing that is 'out of place' will you put away this week, and what will you put in its place?

4. Who will I tell?

Who could you love this week the way Christ loved you?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

Pray

Father, thank you that you call me your beloved child. Teach me to walk in love the way Christ loved and gave himself for me.



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