Grace Guide

OCTOBER 26 – NOVEMBER 1

“Who Am I?”

MONDAY
10/26

PROVERBS 4:20-27

Our identity is shaped by what we allow to influence our hearts and minds. Proverbs reminds us to pay attention to wisdom, guard our hearts, and be intentional about the direction of our lives. We live in a world that constantly tells us who we should be, what we should value, and what we need to be happy. Yet not every voice deserves our attention or obedience. When we allow God's wisdom to guide our thoughts, words, and actions, we begin to live differently from the culture around us. Following Jesus means being intentional about what shapes us, trusting that God's ways lead us toward the life he desires for us.

1. What voices or influences have the greatest impact on how you see yourself, and how do they compare with the wisdom God offers?

2. What does it mean to guard your heart, and is there anything you might need to change to do that more faithfully?

TUESDAY
10/27

MICAH 6:6-8

It is tempting to believe that our relationship with God is measured primarily by what we give, what religious activities we attend, or how well we perform outward acts of faith. Through the prophet Micah, God reminds us that faithful living is not about impressive displays of devotion and religious practicds, but it is about doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God. These qualities reveal a heart that is being shaped by God's character. As followers of Jesus, we are called to let our faith influence how we treat our neighbors, how we respond to injustice, how we show compassion, and how we approach our daily responsibilities. Our identity as God's people becomes visible not simply in what we say we believe but in how we live.

1. Where do you see an opportunity to act justly or stand up for someone who is being overlooked?

2. What would walking humbly with God look like in a situation where you are tempted to insist on having your own way?

WEDNESDAY
10/28

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-17

The apostle Paul teaches that the love of Christ changes how we understand ourselves and how we live. Because Jesus died and was raised for us, we are no longer meant to live only for ourselves. Through Christ, we become a new creation, our past no longer has the final word about who we are, and the world's definitions of success, worth, and identity no longer need to control us. This transformation is not simply about becoming a better version of ourselves through greater effort, it is about allowing the love of Jesus to reshape our priorities, our relationships, and our purpose. We are invited to consider what it means to offer our lives to God in response to the grace we have received.

1. How does knowing that Christ gave himself for you change the way you understand your worth and purpose?

2. Where is Jesus inviting you to embrace a new way of living that reflects the person you are becoming in him?

THURSDAY
10/29

GALATIANS 5:16-25

Following Jesus means allowing the Holy Spirit to shape who we are becoming. Paul contrasts the desires of our sinful nature with the fruit the Spirit produces in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The culture around us often encourages us to pursue our own interests, satisfy our immediate desires, and measure success by what we achieve or acquire. But the Spirit leads us toward a different kind of life, one that reflects the character of Jesus. We cannot produce this transformation simply by trying harder, we grow as we surrender ourselves to God's direction and learn to walk with the Spirit each day. Our identity in Christ becomes visible through the character we display and the way we treat others.

1. How might the people closest to you describe the evidence of the Holy Spirit at work in your life in regards to the fruit of the Spirit?

2. When your desires conflict with what you know honors God, what helps you choose the Spirit's direction?

FRIDAY
10/30

PSALM 24

“The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it” is a powerful reminder that everything we have ultimately belongs to God. We often think of stewardship primarily in terms of money or possessions, but God's ownership encompasses our time, abilities, relationships, opportunities, and the world in which we live. Recognizing this truth changes our understanding of ourselves. We are not independent owners who can do whatever we please with what we have, we are people entrusted with God's gifts and called to use them faithfully. Psalm 24 also asks who may stand in God's holy presence, pointing us toward lives marked by integrity and sincere devotion. Through Jesus, we are invited into a relationship with God that shapes not only our worship but also how we live every day.

1. How might your daily decisions change if you viewed yourself as a caretaker of God's gifts instead of their ultimate owner?

2. What does integrity look like when your private desires differ from what others see in you? What *is* integrity?

SATURDAY/
SUNDAY
10/31-11/1

ROMANS 12:1-2

Paul calls believers to offer their bodies as a living sacrifice, describing this as true and proper worship. Because of God's mercy, we are invited to give him more than our Sunday mornings, our prayers, or our financial contributions. We are called to offer our whole lives. Paul also warns us not to conform to the pattern of this world but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. The world constantly encourages us to define ourselves through success, possessions, status, and the approval of others. Jesus invites us to discover our identity in God's love and allow that identity to reshape our priorities. Faithful following begins when we recognize that our lives belong to God and seek to use everything we have and everything we are for his purposes.

1. Where do you feel the strongest pressure to conform to the world's expectations rather than follow the way of Jesus?

2. If someone observed how you spend your time, use your resources, and make decisions, what might they conclude about what matters most to you?

VERSE OF THE WEEK

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

(Romans 12:1-2)