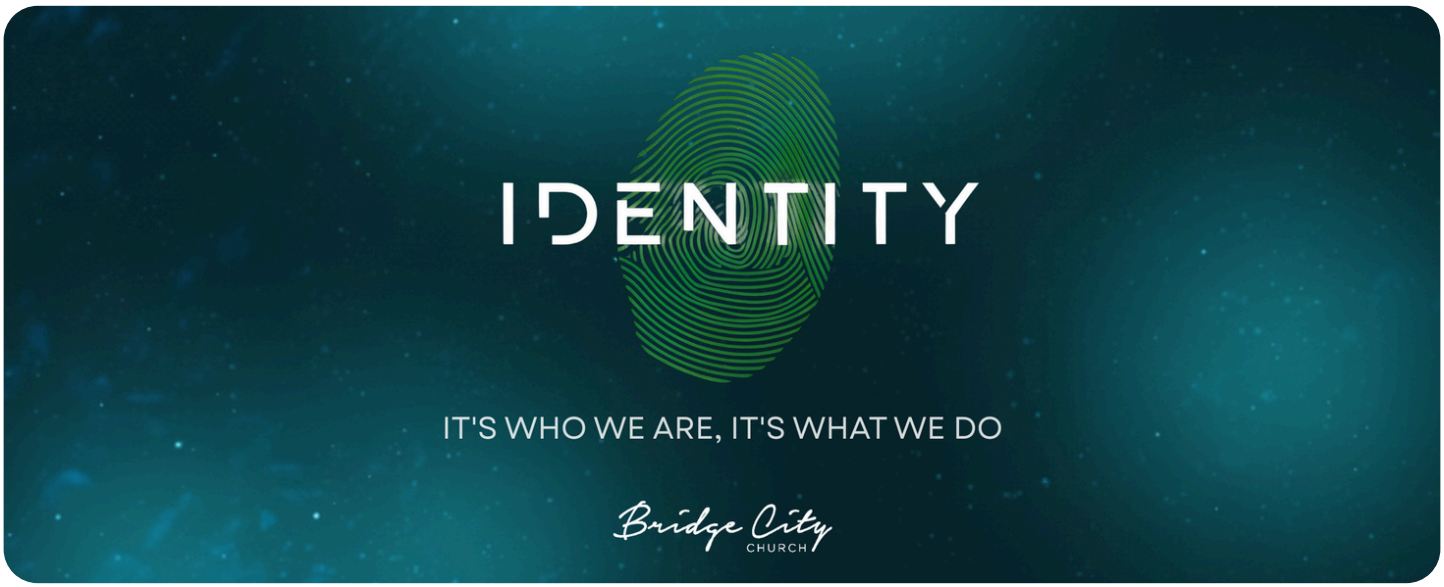


Part 3: We Keep Growing ***October 25, 2026***

CONVERSATION GUIDE

SMALL GROUPS

Throughout our ***Identity*** series, we've discovered that God calls us to move forward and seek His presence first. But that journey also involves something we must never stop doing: ***keep growing***. Our relationship with Jesus was never meant to stay the same over time. God wants to transform the way we think, our priorities, our habits, and our relationships. And that growth doesn't happen automatically; it requires a willingness to learn, change, and allow Him to continue working in us.

In ***Luke 2:52***, we find a simple yet powerful description of Jesus' life: He grew in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and people. In His humanity, Jesus experienced growth in every area of His life, and His example shows us that growth isn't limited to just one area. It's not simply about knowing more about God, but about allowing our relationship with Him to influence every part of our lives. Following Jesus also means learning to become more like Him.

> **Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and all the people.**
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> **Luke 2:52 (NLT)**

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. What does Jesus' example in ***Luke 2:52*** teach us about how we should understand personal and spiritual growth?
2. Read ***Ephesians 4:14-15, 23***. Looking back on your own journey, in what ways have you noticed changes in how you think or respond to situations since you began following Jesus?
3. Sometimes we confuse being comfortable with growing. What attitudes, fears, or habits can cause us to settle for where we are instead of continuing to mature?

God calls us to leave the comfort zone, to abide in his presence, & to grow.

MAKE IT PRACTICAL

Let's keep growing in the four areas where Jesus set an example for us:

1. **Jesus grew in stature – Physically.** Identify one need your body has and take a simple step to care for it better: get enough rest, go for a walk, or improve an eating habit. Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.
2. **Jesus grew in wisdom – Mentally.** Spend ten minutes reading something that helps you learn, and think about how you can use what you've learned to make better decisions.
3. **Jesus grew in favor with God – Spiritually.** Set aside a few minutes each day to spend time with God and ask Him what you need to let go of to deepen your relationship with Him.
4. **Jesus grew in favor with people – Relationally.** Think of someone you'd like to build a stronger relationship with, and show them patience, kindness, or genuine interest through one specific action.

PRAYER

"Lord, thank You that You're not finished working in our lives. We recognize that we still have so much to learn and areas where we need to mature. Help us recognize what we need to change, and give us the humility to keep growing closer to You. May our decisions this week reflect the character of Jesus more and more. Amen."

TIPS

- **Growth requires intentionality.** Someone who keeps growing in God learns to accept correction, acknowledge their mistakes, and respond with humility instead of constantly making excuses.
- **Don't overlook small steps of progress.** This week, celebrate the right decisions you make even when no one else sees them. Often, that's where life-changing growth begins.
- **Growth isn't always linear or comfortable.** There will be progress, setbacks, and difficult seasons. Don't measure your maturity only by how you feel today, but by the direction your life is heading as you continue following Jesus.

