

Introduction:

Welcome to *The Search for Me* Identity Series!



Limited permission is granted to copy *The Search for Me* study materials for small group use. Please refer to *The Search for Me* Identity Series copyright policy below or in the credits section of each DVD.

At first glance our policy may appear to be rather restrictive, but it is actually very generous for a production of this type. For the benefit of low-income organizations, we expended a good bit of time and effort, and even consulted a copyright attorney, in order to provide a copyright policy for the Series that is somewhat relaxed.

At one point we strongly considered the possibility of making all of our materials free to copy, but in the end we just felt that it wasn't the wisest manner in which to advance the purposes of God's kingdom as we seek to help Christian ministries to grow spiritually mature disciples of Christ.

All of the Series audio messages are freely available via streaming from the Search for Me Ministries website (www.sfme.org). Essentially, the *messages* are free. Those who purchase the Series small group kit or audio CD are paying to utilize our teaching materials in a visual and/or more convenient format.

This study is primarily intended for a group setting and may not be nearly as profitable for those who seek to listen to the messages on their own. It is for this reason that our copyright policy is more relaxed toward organizations and not individuals. My hope is that the result will be a greater emphasis on building healthy relationships within the body of Christ.

Developing our copyright approach is just one of the many challenging tasks that we've faced in order to see the development of this Series come to fruition. From start to finish, it has been a labor of love for God and for His Church. We did the very best that we could with our limited resources to provide what I believe is a powerful teaching tool for the body of Christ. I pray that you are richly blessed as you seek to faithfully complete your journey in your service to the King!

Bob

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Our desire is to pursue a “*ministry first*” approach when it comes to the issue of copyright. At the same time we realize the need to protect the integrity of Search for Me Ministries, Inc. (SfMM) and the teaching materials we produce. In addition we need to generate income to care for our employees and to more effectively serve the body of Christ. Finally, we genuinely believe that it is more productive for people to participate in a group study rather than on their own.

Doing our best to balance these goals, we have established the following copyright policy regarding what churches, campus ministries and non-profit organizations **may** and **may not** do with *The Search for Me* Identity Series (the “Series”). Individuals or for-profit entities may not copy the Series or any portion thereof.

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Upon purchasing the Series small group kit, your organization **may** make up to five (5) copies of the original DVDs. The duplicates you make **may not** be copied. The Study Guide PDF files **may be** printed or copied at will for use within one specific local non-

profit ministry organization (i.e., church, campus ministry, mission facility). The Series small group CD **may be** copied up to five times and “ripped” to MP3 audio files which **may be** downloaded onto MP3 players for those who are participating in group studies only. If you would like to recommend the audio messages contained in the Series to others, we have made the audio files freely available to all (via streaming) to sample through our website, and an MP3 audio CD is available for purchase.

One copy of the Series may be used multiple times for multiple groups within your specific local ministry. This means that a local church may run up to five Series small groups simultaneously without the need to purchase more materials. We strongly urge you to make backups of all disks and to store the originals in a safe location. For the sake of convenience, and to further support Search for Me Ministries, Inc., churches with the financial means are encouraged to purchase multiple copies of the Series.

Non-profit ministries **may** charge a small fee to group participants to help cover the actual cost involved with copying these materials, but **may not** sell any of the copies that you have made.

You **may not** alter the content of the Series without the prior, express written consent of SfMM.

We believe that there will be a strong desire for many of you to share the Series with loved ones, friends and other ministries. You **may** lend the Series to other local ministries for review purposes only, but they **may not** copy or distribute the Series or any portion thereof. If you would like to purchase the Series small group materials to give to other ministries, you **may** feel entirely free to do so!

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