



Identity

Week 1: Finding Identity in God

CCV Groups Discussion Guide

OPENING QUESTION:

What is one thing that has changed about your life since becoming a Christian?

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READ:

- [Romans 8:14-17](#)

DISCUSS:

- If you were to describe yourself using just three words, what would they be?
- Now, what three words do you think God would use to describe you?
- How does understanding our identity in Christ change our perspective on or approach to life's challenges?
- In what ways do you feel most connected to God and His purpose for your life?
- What differences have you noticed in people who deeply understand their identity in Christ?
- Brainstorm ideas about how to remind ourselves daily of our identity in Christ. Have a secret vote for the winning idea.

PRAYER:

Take prayer requests as you normally do but close the time in prayer asking God to reveal to each individual each day this week what God affirms about them.

SCRIPTURES:

- **Genesis 1:27**, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

- **Psalm 139:13–16**, "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them."
- **2 Corinthians 5:17**, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."
- **Ephesians 1:3–6**, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved."
- **Romans 8:14–17**, "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!' The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him."
- **1 Peter 2:9**, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."
- **John 1:12**, "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,"
- **Colossians 2:9–10**, "For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority."
- **1 Corinthians 6:19–20**, "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."
- **Galatians 2:20**, "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."