



# Identity

## Week 2: Finding Identity in Community

### CCV Groups Discussion Guide

#### **OPENING QUESTION:**

Share an experience you've had in life that has changed your identity (i.e. - marriage, parenthood, occupation, losing a parent, losing a child, etc.).

#### **GROUPS [VIDEO GUIDE](#)**

#### **READ:**

- [Genesis 4](#)

#### **DISCUSS:**

- Who in your life has had the most significant influence on shaping who you are today?
- How have the lessons from “those who came before you” influenced your understanding of yourself?
- In what ways have friends or siblings played a role in refining your character?
- How can we ensure that our identity remains grounded in biblical truths even when influenced by others?

#### **CHALLENGE:**

Write a thank-you letter note to someone who has played a significant role in shaping your identity, expressing gratitude for their influence. [Coaches, you will need to provide paper, pens, and envelopes OR have people text a note to the person who has influenced them. For those whose influencer has passed, have them send the note to a surviving family member.]

#### **PRAYER:**

Go around the circle and have each member name one person that they hope would someday want to write a letter to them for the influence they have had on their lives. Give

these three prompts and then give 30 seconds after each prompt for individuals to pray for the person they just named.

- Lord, clarify for me how and when you want me to influence this person for you.
- Lord, open my eyes to opportunities this week to influence this person for you.
- Lord, give me the courage and creativity to create opportunities to influence this person for you.

## **SCRIPTURES:**

- **Proverbs 13:20**, "Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm."
- **Proverbs 27:17**, "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."
- **2 Timothy 1:5**, "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well."
- **Hebrews 13:7**, "Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith."
- **1 Corinthians 11:1**, "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."
- **Titus 2:3–5**, "Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled."
- **Philippians 3:17**, "Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us."
- **1 Samuel 16:7**, "But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.'"
- **Proverbs 22:6**, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."
- **Proverbs 15:22**, "Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed."