



Group Time Week 5

ENCOURAGEMENT 1-on-1 (See last page for directions)

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LOOK BACK:

Point: *The mystery has been revealed through Jesus.*

- What items did you list that you could do as a group to fulfill your role as God’s ambassadors?

Question: How do you respond to this, “Tell us a bit about yourself.”

LOOK UP: Watch this week’s video on the 4G web page.

Recap: Identity is an important topic because all other information flows from it. It is the filter through which we perceive the world and make decisions. When we receive Jesus as Lord, it means our identity is now in and through Him. When this is lived out as a daily practice, it is very difficult to be swayed by outside or worldly influences.

Paul gives the example of circumcision. This practice was used to identify one as a Jew. It separated the Jews from the Gentiles. It cut them off from the rest of humanity as God’s chosen – and they would literally check you. In the same way, we can be identified/checked by how we live. We now live as those who were once dead in our trespasses but have been made alive in Jesus.

LOOK IN: Discussion

Read Colossians 2:6-8.

- Compare it to the rocky soil in the Parable of the Sower in Matthew 13:5-6 and 20-21. (Notice root/rooted is used in both.)
- Make a list of practices we can “walk in” to be “rooted and built up in him and established in the faith.”

Read Colossians 2:9-15.

- Work on a group paraphrase. Type it up and send it to the group.

LOOK FORWARD: Application

Point: *Our identity is in Jesus.*

Know Who You Are!

Read each of these verses in Colossians and paraphrase (put them in your own words) what they each say about being “in Christ”:

1:16 _____

1:19 _____

1:22 _____

2:3 _____

2:6 _____

2:7 _____

2:9 _____

2:10 _____

2:11 _____

2:12 _____

2:15 _____

3:20 _____

4:7 _____

Summarize what you discovered about your identity:
