

Who We Are - Community Study Guide



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Conversation Guide:

- Read **John 15:1-5**. How do these verses display the “upward” part of TC’s vision? Why is it important to start with God when establishing community? What will happen if we look to human beings to fulfill an inner void we are feeling for connection?
- Read **Colossians 3:3-4**. At TC we emphasize the importance of loving yourself correctly. What does it mean to love yourself correctly? Do you ever find this to be difficult? How can seeing yourself in Christ help you to love yourself correctly?
- Remember, in Christ you are a new creation: accepted, chosen, set apart, healed, loved, complete. As a group, take time to reflect on these truths and speak them to each other.
- Read **1 Peter 4:8-11**. What is important about verse 8? What is the implication when Peter writes, “love covers a multitude of sins”? Sanctification is a process. Is there anyone who has sinned against you that you need to forgive and cover in love? How does loving others compassionately play into this? 1 Peter 4:8 is quoting from **Proverbs 10:12**. Read it and reflect on how this teaching has been God’s heartbeat since the Old Testament.
- Read **Matthew 9:10-13**. What is your honest first reaction when you hear that Jesus was dining with sinners? What does Jesus mean in verse 12 when he says it is the sick who need a doctor? In verse 13 Jesus quotes from **Hosea 6:6**. Read it and reflect on what it means that God desires love and mercy over sacrifice. Again, this has been God’s heartbeat since the Old Testament. How will you love others compassionately this week?

Soul-tattoo: Use the Conversation Guide to discuss this sermon with someone else.

**This is a wonderful opportunity to start a conversation about Jesus with a co-worker, friend, or neighbor. Prayerfully consider to whom the Holy Spirit is leading you for this conversation.*