



Week 4: WE

WE are designed to live in community and it is in community where our character is truly transformed. People who bring us joy, receive joy from us, and form loving attachments *with* us become *our people*. They're our *WE*. Our *WE* help us understand and shape our identity, for better or worse.

Discussion Questions:

1. Your assignment from Week 2: JOY was to spend 5 minutes per day dwelling on memories of times you sensed God or people were happy to be with you. How has it been going for you? What difference has it made, if any? If you've struggled to engage in the exercise, why?
2. Read this group identity statement out loud to each other as a group: *We are a people who get our group identity from the character of Jesus.*
3. **Read 1 Peter 5:8-9.** According to Peter, why should we endure?
 - a. How does knowing stories of other Christians facing suffering help you through suffering?
 - b. Share a story with your group of a time you've endured suffering well. Where did you see God's presence in it? How did He help you through the situation? If you don't have such a story, talk about a story you heard from someone else which is meaningful to you.
 - c. Complete this sentence together to form a group identity statement about how we suffer based on this teaching from Peter: *We are a people who _____.*
4. **Read Colossians 3:12.** Consider a time you failed to act with the character described in this verse. Create your own identity statement to remind you who you are when you face this situation in the future. After a few minutes, share your statement with your group and have the group repeat it back to you.
5. What was your biggest takeaway from the sermon this week?