

Group Identity that Shapes Character

Ephesians 4:20-24; Ephesians 5:1-11

Groups Are a Natural Part of Life

Groups Influence and Shape us

"You _____ what/who you _____."

How does your connection to the church shape you?

Are you connecting to other Christians in a way that allows them to influence and shape you?

Christian "Group Identity"

- **Helps to shape Christ-like character in people.**
- **Helps us answer big questions like:**
 - **What kind of people are we?**
 - **How do we behave and respond to our circumstances.**

Character can best be transformed into Christ-likeness by our connection with a joyful, chesed (loyal love) filled community with a strong sense of group identity.

--Michel Hendricks

Called to Develop a Christian Group Identity

Ephesians 4:20-24, 5:1-11; Hebrews 10:23-25

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—” (Hebrews 10:23–25, NIV)

Group Identity at Peace

- **Life Groups and other groups**
- **Peace Core Values**
<https://www.mypeacechurch.com/mission-beliefs>
- **Peace Life Marks of a Fully Alive Follower**
We are people who:
 - **Believe Jesus**
 - **Pursue Jesus**
 - **Live Like Jesus**
 - **Love Like Jesus**
 - **Risk like Jesus**

For Further Reflection/Discussion

What Groups am I a part of, and how are they shaping me?
To be more like Jesus or not?

How can I be more connected to a Christian group of people with a strong Group Identity?

Within my family, group of Christian friends etc., how might we develop a stronger Christian Group Identity together.