

The Good and Beautiful Community by James Bryan Smith

Warm Up

- How did last week's Soul Training go? Were you able to spend time with God? Able to do any "acts of peculiarity"?

Read

Colossians 1:3-6

Discuss

1. If hope is confidence in a good future, how would you describe your level of hope?
2. What truths about God and God's kingdom increase your hopefulness in a good future?
3. As Christ's story becomes our story, we receive a new identity that forms the foundation for our behavior, but this is not how we normally think. How has your identity in Christ led to changes in behavior.
4. Think over the last week and consider when the essence of Jesus was emerging in your life or in someone you know. If you are comfortable, share your insights with the group.

Apply

- What can you pray for regularly this week that needs encouragement and hope?

Pray

- Pray that God would help each group member be and effective agent of the Kingdom of God this week.

All questions are taken from *The Good and Beautiful Community* by James Bryan Smith, pages 204-207. Refer to these pages for additional questions.

