Be Together - Fight Independence

Salty Series

Discussion Questions

- 1. This week wraps up our Salty series. We've used Matthew 5:13 to talk about how Christians are to stick out for the right reasons. Of the topics we've discussed in this series so far (triumphalism, materialism, consumerism, tribalism)- which has been most convicting or challenging for you?
- 2. The last week of the series focused on community. Describe how some Christians struggle with the arrogance of independence. How do both quiet Christians and cringy Christians trend towards independence?

Quiet	Salty	Cringy
Independence	Interdependence	Independence

- 3. Read Romans 12:3-8 as a group.
 What is the primary command in verse 3?
 What is the significance of Paul appealing grace before he gives this command?
- 4. How is "sober judgment" connected to seeing yourself as one member of the body of Christ? How does seeing yourself this way push back against the arrogance of independence?
- 5. How does this section call Christians towards interdependence (instead of independence)?
- 6. Read Romans 12:9-13 as a group. This section is known as the "marks of a true Christian." Considering this list of commands, what can a Christian accomplish independently? (Note: all these commands require community. Walk through them one by one and describe how community is necessary to practice the "one anothers").
- 7. Describe how Christian community could paint a compelling picture of the gospel for non-believers. For people seeking genuine friendships, how might Christian community point people to the gospel of Jesus?
- 8. How can we apply this text to our lives?

Discuss the following points of application:

- Repent of independence and pursue interdependence (Romans 12:3)
- Repent of selfishness and pursue showing honor (Romans 12:9-10)
- Repent of laziness and pursue community (Romans 12:11)
- 9. Re-read Romans 12:9-13, but consider Jesus accomplishing all of these commands for you (i.e., Jesus love is genuine, Jesus abhors what is evil, he holds fast to what is good, etc.). How does this perspective impact your willingness to grow in community?