

GATHERING INSIGHTS

SERIES: **Capstone Mission**

TITLE: **Real Church for Real People**

BIG IDEA: Capstone desires to create Authentic Community where people can be real, live in truth and live as a family.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

Read **Genesis 3:8-13**

How do you see the struggle of creating Authentic environments starting here in the garden? Why do you think Adam and Eve responded in this way?

How does the fact that we are still dealing with “shame, hiding and blaming” in our lives and even in church impact you?

Read **Matthew 23:23**

Do you think the title “hypocrites” fit for what Jesus was calling the religious leaders in his day were doing? If so, why?

Read **Romans 12:9-13**

What does genuine love look like? Why do you think so many people struggle with being real with who they are and their struggles?

Read **1 John 3:18 + John 8:32**

Why do you think John focuses on truth and how does that impact creating Authentic communities?

What would change in your life if lived in the truth that you are a sinner in need of savior, and everyday we remember we need Jesus?

Read **Ephesians 4:25**

What are the challenges of living like a family? How does that make being “real” with one another difficult? What are the benefits when we live and love as a family?

How do you see Jesus creating Authentic community in the way that he both lived with and taught his disciples?

How does living in Authentic community challenge you but at the same time make you a better Christ follower?

What has been your experience in past churches, have they been a place where you could be REAL or a place that was more about wearing mask?

Why do you think it is difficult to create a church family that not only talks about Authentic community but works to create it? Do people really want a place to be real or do they desire a place to wear mask?

Have you ever heard people who don't know Jesus or go to church that the reason they don't go to church is because it is full of hypocrites? What was your response if you have? What would you say if someone asked you that after today's message?

Do you think being a part of a church that strives to be an Authentic community is a draw for those who are not Christ followers?

GROWING IN CHRIST

LIVING AS A FAMILY

SHARING THE GOSPEL