

Group Discussion Guide

Week of August 15, 2021

Life Abundantly – Community

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- Besides this group, share a time you experienced fulfilling relationship with a group of other people.
- What were some of the elements that made that community special to you?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking over your notes from this past teaching... was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

MAIN POINT

Jesus desires to give us life abundantly which often comes through community.

DIGGING INTO THE WORD

- How would you define the word “COMMUNITY”?
- Do you think there is such a thing as “FALSE” community? Explain.
- What are some elements necessary to create “REAL” community?

One way we find abundant life is through CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

- How is CHRISTIAN community different than any other type of community?

Read – Acts 2:42-47

- Verse 44 says that these people had all things in common. What do you think is meant by that statement?
- Describe what you think this CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY was like? Was it enjoyable? Challenging? Refreshing?

Read – Colossians 3:9-11 and Galatians 3:28

- Describe your understanding of how we all, being very different, can still be ONE in Christ.
- What are some of the things that prevent us from experiencing this “ONENESS” in Christ with each other?
- Why don’t all Christians get along perfectly all the time?
- Is “getting along” necessary for true Christian community?

Read – 2 Corinthians 13:11, 1 Peter 3:8, and Ephesians 4:1-6

- What were Paul and Peter pleading with these Christian people to do?

Read – John 17:20-21

- What do you think Jesus meant by wanting us to be “ONE”?
- Why do you think our “ONENESS” is so important to Jesus?
- If you are a parent of more than one child, do you want your children to be ONE? Why?
- How can we bless our Father in heaven by seeking to be ONE?

Read – Romans 12:9-16

- In these verses, what are some of the attitudes and actions Paul points to as being necessary to create true Christian community?

Read – Proverbs 18:1

- What does this exhortation have to say about community?
- What is unwise about isolating ourselves?

TAKING IT HOME

- What can you do to be more intentional about living in community with other Christians?

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS