



growing strong... through authentic gospel community

1. Share a personal experience when you witnessed the power of community in your life or in the life of someone you know. How did that experience impact your perspective on the value of community?
2. In what ways does God's relational nature influence our understanding of community? Discuss how God enjoys wonderful community in the Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and how we are invited to join Him in that.
3. Isolation is a common struggle for many Christians. Have you ever found yourself feeling isolated or disconnected from genuine community? What were the reasons behind it, and how did it affect your spiritual journey?
4. Look at the list of "one another" commands mentioned in the message (e.g., love one another, serve one another, forgive one another). Which of these commands do you find most challenging to live out consistently? How can the group encourage and support one another in practicing these commands more intentionally?
5. Reflecting on the characteristics of authentic gospel community discussed in the message (growth, care, and mission), which attribute do you find most challenging to experience or practice in your current community? Why do you think it's challenging, and what steps can be taken to address it?
6. Discuss the obstacles to community mentioned in the message, such as individualism, past hurts, inconvenience, impatience, and poor prioritization. Which of these obstacles have you personally encountered, and how have they affected your involvement in community?