

DNA: What Makes Us-We will Live in Community

You are stuck on a deserted Island with the people in this LifeGroup.
What role would each person play in helping you survive?

1. Genesis 1:26 reminds us that we were created in the image of a relational God. Why do you think God designed us to need relationships with other people? What happens when we try to do life alone?

2. The sermon said, "God didn't design you merely to be around people. He designed you to be in authentic relationship with people."
What's the difference between being surrounded by people and actually being known by people? Have you ever experienced one without the other?

3. The sermon talked about how we often show people the edited version of our lives, hiding our struggles and pretending we're doing better than we are.

Why is it sometimes so difficult to be real and transparent with other Christians? What makes a LifeGroup a safe place to take off the mask?

4. Psalm 139 reminds us that God knows everything about us and still loves us.

How should knowing that we are fully known and loved by God change the way we approach relationships with other people?

5. The sermon emphasized that authentic relationships and reaching the world for Christ must go together.

What do you think happens when Christian friendships become focused only on ourselves? How can we make sure our relationships are helping us grow closer to Jesus and reach others?

6. Read Acts 2:42-47.

What stands out to you about how the early church lived in community? What are some things from their example that we could put into practice in our own LifeGroup?

7. The sermon challenged us that we can't do real life together if we only do church together.

Why do you think smaller communities are so important for spiritual growth? How has being involved in a Life group helped you grow in your faith?

8. Romans 12:15 tells us to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep.

What does it practically look like to walk alongside someone through a difficult season? What's one thing you've experienced from someone else that made you feel supported and loved?

9. The sermon gave several practical ways to build relationships: LifeGroups, serving, and taking classes.

What's one step you could take this week to become more intentional about building authentic relationships and reaching the world for Christ?

10. In John 11, Jesus asked the people around Lazarus to remove the stone before He performed the miracle.

The sermon made the point that sometimes we need others to help us move what we cannot move alone.

What are some "stones" you might have blocking you today that are too heavy to move alone? How can we be the kind of community that helps each other overcome those struggles?