Practice of Community

Practice the Way of Jesus

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OPENING QUESTION

When you hear the word *community*, what comes to mind first–something positive, something challenging, or something you feel like you're still searching for?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:42-47
1 Thessalonians 5:11
Galatians 6:1-2

KEY TAKE AWAY(S)

Community isn't something you find, it is something you BUILD.

B — Be consistent
Build meaningful community by showing up, investing in relationships, and committing to people for the long haul.

U — Uplift each other
Encourage one another, pray for one another, and speak life instead of tearing people down.

I — Inconvenience yourself
Love people enough to sacrifice your time, energy, and resources to show up for them, even when it costs you something.

L — Let your guard down
Allow yourself to be truly known, sharing your struggles and burdens so others have the opportunity to love you fully.

D — Draw others in
Pursue people with the love of Jesus, inviting them into community and working together to make disciples.

QUESTIONS

1. When you think about your current relationships, where do you feel the strongest sense of biblical community right now? Where do you feel the need for more?
2. Emmy said, "Community isn't something you find; it's something you build." How does that challenge you to take more ownership in developing the relationships God has placed around you?
3. Of the five BUILD practices — Be consistent, Uplift each other, Inconvenience yourself, Let your guard down, and Draw others in — which one feels most challenging for you in this season, and why?

PRACTICE

Practice for the Week: BUILD Community

This week's practice is meant to stretch us as we lean into the community we are building together. We're going to practice **inconveniencing ourselves for the sake of relationship**.

Before you leave group, everyone will pair up with a partner. Your goal is to **walk alongside each other and check in every day** until your next group meeting.

Here's the framework:

B — Be consistent
Check in with your partner every day. Community is built through steady, intentional connection.
"They devoted themselves…" — Acts 2:42

U — Uplift each other
Be intentional with your words. Encourage your partner, pray for them, and speak life over them.

I — Inconvenience yourself
This may feel inconvenient in the middle of busy schedules — and that's okay. Building community often costs us time, attention, and energy. We serve a relational God, and He has placed us in this room together to be known and cared for.
Acts 2:45

L — Let your guard down
Choose vulnerability and honesty. You can only be truly known if you allow others to truly know you.

D — Draw others in
Act like a team. Keep each other accountable and encourage one another to stick with the practice. And if God puts someone else on your heart — whether they're in your group or not — reach out to them too.

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for creating us for relationship with You and with one another. Help us take ownership in building the kind of community that reflects Your love, even when it requires consistency, vulnerability, and sacrifice. Teach us to encourage, pursue, and care for one another so that we become more like You together. Amen.