



pathways

Talk About

Relationship

Hebrews 10:24-25 - *“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”*

1. Part of the Pathways definition of Relationship is being Authentic. What does authenticity in a relationship look like?
2. Another part of the Pathways definition of Relationship is encouraging others. Describe a time where someone really encouraged you, or when you were able to encourage someone else.
3. In what ways is the church better when Christ followers are engaging in authentic and encouraging relationships?
4. What would your life look like if you became more relational (authentic and encouraging with others)?

Accountability

James 5:16 - *“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”*

1. What comes to your mind when you think of the term accountability?
2. Why do you think accountability is so important in the spiritual growth context?
3. What are the obstacles that hinder Christ followers from engaging in accountability with others?
4. How would your life be better if you had someone who kept you accountable but lovingly challenging you, checking up on you regularly, and praying for you?
5. Who would be a good person for you to connect with for accountability and why?
(You might consider whether that person might be good for you to walk the Pathways with!!!)

PATHWAYS

“Relationship and Accountability”

Pathways is a discipleship initiative that will help Christ followers do three things:

- Assess where we are spiritually
- Guide us in practicing spiritual disciplines that will help us grow
- Help us measure our progress

And all of this is done in a peer to peer context...

Relationship - being authentic with and encouraging to others.

“Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone.” Genesis 2:18 (NLT)

It’s better to eat Twinkies with good friends than to eat broccoli alone.

Unfriendly people are snottier than friendly people.

Accountability - having someone that helps us reach our God-given potential

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“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

1. Koinonia means we are pursuing spiritual Pathways with others.

- “The Apostles’ teaching” = Scripture
- “The Breaking of Bread” = Worship (Communion)
- “Prayer” = Prayer
- “They gave to anyone who had need” = Generosity
- “The Lord added to their number” = Reaching

Pathways:

- Scripture - 2 Timothy 3:16
- Prayer - Philippians 4:6,7
- Rest - Hebrews 4:9,10
- Accountability - James 5:16
- Generosity - 2 Corinthians 9:7
- Stewardship - Matthew 25:21
- Reaching - Philemon 6
- Gathering - Acts 2:46
- Service - Ephesians 2:10
- Fasting - Mathew 4:4
- Relationship - Hebrews 10:24-25
- Worship - Psalm 150:2

2. Koinonia means being real

"They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts..."

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."

1 John 1:7 (NIV)

3. Koinonia means commitment

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer..."

"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts."