

Week 10- "A New Community"

In this series we are diving into one of the most incredible talks Jesus ever gave: "The Sermon on the Mount". When Jesus arrived He knew that our attempts at lasting change, and growth doesn't lead to the life we all strive for and He came to bring a brand new way of living. In this week's message, we discover what Jesus says about walking with others in Community and how we can have deeper, more meaningful relationships in our lives.

- 1. What stood out to you in the message?
- 2. Do you have anyone in your life that you would say truly knows you? If so, how does that relationship impact the way you see yourself and God?
- 3. Do you have anyone in your life that you know on deeper levels? If so, how does knowing others help impact your relationship with God?

Read Matthew 5:22-23, and Matthew 7:3-5

Jesus uses the word brother and sister to point out the idea that when we put our faith in Jesus we become Children of God which makes other Christian our brothers and sisters.

- 4. What do you think it practically looks like to depend on others as you depend on Christ?
- 5. What does it say about God's heart for you that He invites you to know Him deeper as you depend on others?

Read John 1:14

- 6. Why do you think having both grace and truth is important in order to be safe enough for others to be known?
- 7. How does first knowing the condition of your own heart help you as you walk with others?
- 8. What do you think life would look like if we could get to a place where you didn't fear the worst parts of you being known?
- 9. What do you think it practically looks like to create an environment where you could openly share while allowing the Gospel to define you?
- 10. In what ways do you need a deeper understanding of the Gospel in order to have deeper relationships and how can this group help you?

Christianity teaches that the Gospel allows us to truly walk with others in a deep, authentic, accountable, safe, grace and truth filled community with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Jesus invites us to experience the fullness of the Christian life through safe community with other people in grace and truth.