
Community: The Imitation of Christ

“My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”— John 13:33-35

Christians are Defined by:

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| 1. Community | Acts 4:32-35, 11:20-21 |
| 2. _____ | Acts 26:28 |
| 3. Commitment | 1 Peter 4:16 |
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Christians are developed through:

1. Practicing _____ Service
 - Jesus washed the feet of his disciples (John 13:1–17).
 - Share in meeting practical needs—meals, encouragement, childcare, or simply being present.
 2. Extending _____ Freely
 - Jesus restored Peter after his failure (John 21:15-19).
 - We learn to extend grace to one another, resolve conflicts quickly, and pray for those who hurt us.
 3. Responding with _____
 - Jesus welcomed the broken, healed the sick, and fed the hungry (Mark 1:41; Matthew 14:14).
 - Small Groups are a safe place where struggles can be shared, and encouragement and prayer are freely given.
 4. Choosing _____ Living
 - Jesus laid down His life on the cross (John 15:13).
 - In community (small group), we learn to put others first, giving our time, resources, and energy to help each other grow—even when it's inconvenient.
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Discussion Questions

1. Which of Jesus' ways of loving is hardest for you to live out in community?
 2. In what ways can we identify and meet the needs of others in our small group, and how does serving together strengthen our faith?
 3. Share a time when forgiving someone in your community brought healing. How can we create a culture of forgiveness in our small group?
 4. How can we actively recognize when someone in our group is struggling, and what practical steps can we take to demonstrate Christ-like compassion?
 5. What are some ways we can sacrificially invest our time, energy, or resources in our small group to build deeper relationships and reflect Christ?
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Mark your Calendars

Small Group Sunday September 7, 2025

Life change happens in small groups!

Scan this QR code for information on hosting or joining a Small group this Fall.



Experiencing Spiritual Freedom A Seminar with Ben Goodman

This is a full day conference focusing on living in Spiritual Freedom.

When: Saturday, September 13th

Time: 8:30am-4pm

Cost: \$15 Adult registration

(we are working on providing free childcare for this event)



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