

Group Discussion

INTRODUCTION

Are you connected with others? Are you yearning for real friendships? How would your life change if you decided to trust God enough to begin to have authentic community with others?

GETTING STARTED

1. Take some time to share about how much your group means to you. Maybe include some personal experiences. How have you decided to expand or multiply this group so that others might experience community?

FROM THE SERMON

2. Look back at your notes from this week's teaching. Was there anything you heard for the first time that caught your attention, confused you, challenged you, or made you curious?
3. Read John 15:12-17. What does it mean to lay down one's life for a friend? How have you experienced this personally? Why is bearing fruit important and what would it look like to you?
4. Read 1 Peter 4:8-11. What is the ultimate reason for developing a loving community (vs. 11)? List and discuss the ways we are to love each other in community. How is your group influencing others? Is there anything you could do as a group to attract others?
5. Read James 5:13-20. List the 5 qualities needed for the development of authentic community. How well is your community group doing considering the qualities listed?
6. What are you hearing from the Holy Spirit right now?

NEXT STEPS

7. What will you do with this new truth or spiritual insight that has been revealed by the Holy Spirit?
8. Please make time to pray together.