

THRIVE: Thrive by Cultivating Community
Speakers: Mike Tatlock and Brad Peterson
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Cultivating covenant community takes courage and humility.

QUESTIONS:

1. Do you have community with whom you are truly open and authentic? If not, with whom could you start pursuing that?
2. Are you able to hold non-judgmental space for others? If not, ask God to show you the areas He wants to grown your ability to do so.
3. If you are asking these questions in a group, How are you doing with this as a group? Are you able to have real conversations about the hard things? If not, what could you do to change that?

RESOURCES:

Books Resources:

Unwanted by Jay Stringer

Every Man's Battle: Winning the War on Sexual Temptation One Victory at a Time by Stephen Arterburn and Fred Stoeker

Online Resources:

The Journey Course

Every Man's Battle - Recovering Sexual Integrity

Local Groups (also hosted through Grace Chapel):

Pure Desire

Pure Life Alliance

FULL NOTES:

Hosts: Josh and Emma Weaver - Ardent Youth Pastors

Worship: Jake Schwein and Amanda Edwards

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Cultivating: Community with Others

As image-bearers of God humanity was created to live in community with one another. The church is in its greatest expression of love when we live in close proximity with each other as a community that gathers around the person of Jesus.

Hebrews 10:23-25

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 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.

Our greatest desire is to be *fully known*.

Our greatest fear is to be *fully known* and then *fully rejected*.

Three Unhealthy Expressions of Community

Concealing community

Canceling community

Condoning community

Covenant Community: A group committed to the growth and care of one another centered around a joined commitment to the way of Jesus.

Galatians 6:2

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Known enough to be respected but *not* known enough to be rejected.