

# BE THE CHURCH!

Ephesians 4:11-16

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## 1. We need authentic relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ because:

### A. They are necessary for our spiritual growth and maturity. (Ephesians 4:11-13)

- Spiritual maturity equals Christ-likeness.
- God desires to use hard and messy relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ to mature us.

### B. We need others to speak the truth in love to us. (Ephesians 4:14-15)

- This is necessary because...
  1. We are easily deceived.
  2. We all have blind spots.

### C. You have something to offer others. (Ephesians 4:16)

- Be a contributor, not a consumer.

**Conclusion:** Living without authentic relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ is foolish, dangerous, and will stunt your spiritual growth.

## **2. How to find authentic relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ at CBC:**

### **A. Join a Life Group.**

- Next Steps: Sunday, October 5, 9:30 a.m.
- Life Group Interest Form: [cbcpa.org/adults](http://cbcpa.org/adults)

### **B. Join re:generation for your spiritual growth and maturity. You will be blessed with authentic relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ.**

### **C. Maximize your relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ.**

\*CBC's responsibility is to provide opportunities for you to develop authentic relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ. Your responsibility is to develop authentic relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ.

## Questions to Ponder:

1. Do I have authentic relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ?
  - If yes, thank God and communicate your appreciation for them.
  - If no, why not?
2. Who is in my life who speaks the truth in love to me?
  - When was the last time I spoke the truth in love to a brother or sister in Christ?
3. What hinders me from experiencing authentic relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ?
4. What will I need to give up in order to experience authentic relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ?
5. What will it look like for me to pursue authentic relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ this fall? Be specific. What is my next step?