

Authentic Community as Witness to the Watching World

John 13:31-35 and 1John 3:16-18

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I. How did we get here?

II. Where can we go from here?

We believe that God has designed us to share our spiritual journey as a community of believers. We are better together. We were never intended to make it on our own. All of us are people in process, broken and needing healing in various ways. But each of us has been made in God's image, and with a unique shape. We believe that spiritual transformation happens best within the context of genuine sharing and face-to-face relationships in a small group. We desire to nurture relationships based on grace as well as truth in our leadership teams, our small groups and our homes.

Daily Bible Readings January 19-25

FOLLOW-THROUGHS

Monday	1 John 3:16-18 How does John define love here? As simply a feeling or something more? What applications does this have in my life?
Tuesday	Acts 2:42-47 What are the results of authentic community in these verses?
Wednesday	1 Peter 2:11-12 How does this specifically apply to community?
Thursday	Revelation 5:9-10 What would the effect of such a unified community, one pointing to God and eternity, be on earth now?

WARM-UPS

What aspects of authentic community do you see illustrated in Paul and his team, and in the church at Thessalonica? What are some of the barriers that undermine genuine, deep personal relationships.

Friday	I Thessalonians 1:1-10
Saturday	I Thessalonians 2:1-9
Sunday	I Thessalonians 2:10-16