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**AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY**  
John 13:31-36

**INTRODUCTION:**

A. Belonging, Believing, Becoming

***"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."*** John 13: 34-35

**I. AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY TAKES REGULARITY.**

A. Build community through **frequency**.

***"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together. Instead, let us encourage one another...."*** Hebrews 10:25

**II. AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY TAKES OPENNESS.**

A. **Honest** sharing of real feelings (sharing, studying, serving & suffering).

***"Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it."*** Romans 12:9a

B. Revealing our **real** feelings is the beginning of healing.

***"The word of God is full of living power. It is sharper than the sharpest knife, cutting deep into your own innermost thoughts and desires. It exposes us for what we really are."*** Hebrews 4:12

**III. IT'S ABOUT DISAGREEING WITHOUT BEING DISAGREEABLE.**

A. Cultivate courtesy.

***"Believers shouldn't curse anyone or be quarrelsome, but they should be gentle and show courtesy to everyone."*** Titus 3:2

B. Be quick listeners.

***"Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."*** James 1:19

- We understand better when we know where someone is coming from (hurts, fears, self-doubt).

***"We must bear the "burden" of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others...."*** Romans 15:2a

C. Get good at showing honor.

***"Take delight in honoring each other."*** Romans 12:10b

D. Be humble.

***"Always be humble, gentle, and patient, accepting each other (and their spoken views) in love."*** Ephesians 4:2

**CONCLUSION:**