

SCC SMALL GROUP
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Authentic Community
John 13:31-36

Getting Started:

- A. Who was in your "close knit group" when you were growing up? What was the common thing(s) you shared (if any) that brought you together as a group?
- B. To you what are the signs of "authentic community"?

Searching the Scriptures:

- A. Read Romans 12:5. What does this verse tell us about "our community" with other Christians?
- B. Read Hebrews 10:25. What is the key the writer is identifying about community?

Why is frequency in our gathering as a church important?

- C. What do these verses state about "being authentic" with one another:

* Romans 12:9a

* James 5:16

* 2 Corinthians 4:2

* Hebrews 4:12

* What encourages you to be open with others? What holds you back?

- D. Look up the following verses...write a single sentence that encompasses them all (the theme).

* Romans 1:12

* Hebrews 3:13

* Ecclesiastes 4:10

* Hebrews 10:24

* Check out "ways" to build mutuality:

> 2 Corinthians 13:5

> Ephesians 4:29

> I Thessalonians 5:14b

> Romans 12:10b

E. Read Hebrews 4:12. Would you agree that really knowing someone includes knowing their "thought and desires?" Why or why not?

F. What three aspects of being a friend to someone are mentioned in James 1:19?

* Which is easiest for you? And which one takes some intentionality on your part?

G. Read Romans 12:16. How is being humble towards others described?

Application of the Scriptures:

A. Which point in pastor's Scott's message rang truest with you? Why?

B. Respond to the following quote:

"The family your born into is not the family that you have to choose to live with ... we can and should trade-up."

C. What do you like most about belonging to the "Family of God?"