

Session 2: Community is Meant to Be Loved

Getting Started

1. Share a moment when you experienced the impact of someone living out one of these "one another" verses from the New Testament. How did that interaction with another believer shape your perspective on community?

Exploring the Message

2. Remember the pattern of Forming, Storming, Norming, and Performing – Can you share about a time that you've experienced this on a team or in a group before? What helps you get through the storming stage?
3. A tension exists between our expectations of a holy, loving community and the reality of human imperfection within the church. In your mind, what's the biggest cause for this tension and what have you found that helps you through it?

Engaging with Scripture

4. There are fifty-nine "one another" verses in the New Testament. As you look/think through these passages, what are some overarching similarities? What do they have in common?
5. Which one resonates the most with you? Which one resonates the least with you?
6. Discuss the letter to the church in Laodicea from Revelation 3:14-22. What lessons can we glean from this letter about the importance of knowing Christ's will and the importance of willingness to change as a community?

Thinking Through CorGroups

7. Pastor Keith proposes that the question is not about attaining a perfect community, but rather, "What's the next step that God has for us?" How does this shift in focus impact our perspective on the imperfections within our community?
8. How does the idea of living in a community that is actively pursuing growth and change resonate with you? How can each member contribute to the ongoing development of your CorGroup and its impact on the larger church community?

Personal Reflection

9. Take Away: What's something that God's teaching you from this study? What stood out to you? What do you need to work on or what next steps do you think God is calling you to?