

Session 3: Community is Meant to Be Loved

Getting Started

1. Share a memorable experience from your own life where you felt like you were welcomed and embraced as a part of a group or community. What impact did that sense of belonging have on you?

Exploring the Message

2. Remember the different sizes of group spaces – public spaces, social spaces, personal spaces, and private spaces. Which space do you feel most comfortable in?
3. Which space do you feel personally helps your faith grow the most?

Engaging with Scripture – Read Hebrews 13:2

4. Pastor Keith redefines the concept of hospitality as it was practiced in the ancient church: Quickly accepting someone into your family of believers. How does understanding hospitality in this context affect your understanding of Christian fellowship and community?
5. How else would you apply Hebrews 13:2 and the idea of showing hospitality to strangers to your life and faith?

Thinking Through CorGroups

6. How can we apply this new understanding of Christian Hospitality (that new members are automatically accepted into our Christian family) to our CorGroup interactions?
7. In the New Testament, the term "adelphos" (brothers) is often used to refer to the family of believers. How does this terminology challenge and reshape our understanding of Christian relationships and community?
8. What ways do you love your family and extended family that might illuminate how you're to love those in your CorGroup?
9. Pastor Keith emphasizes that caring for one another, both in times of need and celebration (Rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn), is an essential part of bonding as a family. How have you witnessed or experienced this kind of care within your own small group or Christian community?

Personal Reflection

10. 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?