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Community

The D-Cycle is a curriculum containing content designed to establish the scriptural foundations of the faith in the life of a believer.

VISION FOR COMMUNITY

Community is the final point in the Decided portion of the D-Cycle. Christian community is essential for the believer. Christian community is more than the Sunday morning church gathering. The Bible often uses metaphors to describe Christian community. Some illustrations include a home, bride, and body. Fullness of life for each individual is diminished without the whole community. The fullness of God cannot be experienced without Christian community.

Key Definitions

- **Community** - a group of believers sharing the same values, committed to following Jesus with one another
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HEAD

Summary of Points

1. We were formed in the image of a highly relational God, who created us to be in close and loving relationships with Him and other people.
2. We cannot love God and not love others.
That's not real love. Loving others is a key part of loving God.
3. Following Jesus means being a part of his body, as expressed in the local church. We must not forsake gathering with believers, to do so is disobedience.
4. Community is both inclusive and exclusive. While only believers have true communion with God and other believers, the Church's mission is to invite others into union with Jesus
The church is the only organization that exists for those who are not within it. Sharing the Good News of Jesus with others is central to community.
5. Each person has spiritual gifts to help the whole church grow stronger. If someone doesn't use their gifts, it can impact the whole group.
6. In community, individuals get to die to their own will and desires for the overall betterment of the body of Christ. If individuals do not die to themselves, the whole group will suffer.

Lifegroup Scriptures

Community after Pentecost

Acts 2:40-47

Meeting with One Another

Hebrews 10:19-25

D-Group Scriptures

Baptism into One Body

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Dwelling in Unity

Psalms 133

Loving One Another

1 John 1:5-7, 1 John 4:20-21, John 13

Discussion Methods

Below are two suggested methods for discussing Scripture.

Traditional DBS New Testament Letters	Inductive Bible Study Gospels, Acts, Old Testament Accounts
1. What does this say about God?	1. Observation – What happened?
2. What does this say about me/people?	2. Interpretation – What does it mean?
3. What is my obedient response?	3. Application – How can I obey?

HEART

Questions

1. What are your biggest personal hurdles to forming deep and lasting relationships with others in the church?
2. How do your personal flaws inhibit you from forming deep connections with other believers?
3. What are some of the ways you can overcome internal beliefs, attitudes, history and prior failed relationships that hinder deep connection with God's people?
4. What is preventing you from giving your best to the Lord and his people?
5. What are the things in your life you are giving more attention/care/devotion to than his people?

Lifegroup content ends here

HANDS

Discipleship Actions

1. Regularly attend d-group, lifegroup and large gathering services.
2. Make a commitment of time, talent, and financial resources to a local body of believers.

RESOURCES

Books

- [Life Together](#) – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Articles

- [Antioch – 5 Circles of Church](#) – Antioch Movement

Teachings

- Community 01 – 04 – Practicing the Way
 - o [Apple Podcasts](#)
 - o [Spotify](#)

