

Align Week 5 – Community
Small Groups - Bethany Church Long Beach

Intro:

Give your best definition of spiritual community and share what that has looked like at the various stages of your life?

Read Genesis 1:26-28 & 2:18 as a Group:

1. What does this tell us about God's nature and how we were created to be in relationship? What does it say about His heart for community? Can you think of other verses that illustrate this idea?

Read Ecclesiastes 4:7-12 as a Group:

2. What are some of the ways life is impacted when we live in spiritual community?

Read Ephesians 4:1-5 as a Group:

3. What are some ways listed here community helps us grow in spiritual maturity? Can you share some personal examples of how this has looked in your life or in the life of others?
4. Can you really be known in a group of 30? Is a more intimate group that lives life together, a better picture of the community the Bible talks about?
5. Does your spiritual community have room to allow others in? Is healthy spiritual community truly ever a closed group?

Application:

6. What is the thing that impacted you the most today concerning the issue of community? Explain.
7. In what ways has your spiritual growth been enhanced by engaging in the community of the church?
8. In what ways has your spiritual growth been hindered by my lack of involvement with others?