

Series: A Fresh Look @GFBC through the Lens of Acts 2

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Sermon: Relationships: Going Below the Surface

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Acts 2:42, 46

Core value: Relationship-oriented

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and **to fellowship**, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... ⁴⁶ Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart...

Who really knows me?

^{NIV} Psalm 139:1-4

^{NIV} Genesis 3:6-8

Fellowship 101- what is common?

- ✓ Our common community reflects the common community in the Trinity. We are created for community.

John 17:20-24

- ✓ Our common community starts with God living in us.

Acts 2:4

Acts 2:33

- ✓ Our common community is based on what we have in common in Jesus.

1 John 1:1-7

- ✓ Our common community is based on time spent together.

- ✓ Our common community is based on shared life and resources.

Levels of Relationship

1. **SURFACE:** Talking about weather, time of day, general information—the kind of thing you might say to someone in a queue at the grocer's or the airport.
2. **FACTS AND INFORMATION:** Giving more specific information, including personal, but not private information such as name, marital status, occupation.
3. **OPINIONS AND JUDGEMENTS:** Sharing what you think about a whole range of things from current events, sports, your favorite TV show, to Biblical truth and spiritual life, politics and morality.
4. **FEELINGS:** Being willing to share personal emotional status and reaction to various situations.

Romans 12:15

5. **VULNERABILITY/TRANSPARENCY:** Having the freedom to admit your faults to another.

Confess your sins, ^{NIV} James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

6. **INTIMACY:** Allowing someone to tell you about faults, even if you do not see it in yourself.

^{NIV} Proverbs 27:6 ^{NIV} Psalm 141:5.

7. **COMPLETENESS:** Total openness, total trust, total love

^{NIV} Hebrews 10:24-25

Romans 12:9

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1 Peter 1:22

Loving people means caring without an agenda. As soon as we have an agenda, it's not love anymore. It's acting line you care to get someone to do what you want or what you think God wants them to do. Do less of that, and people will see a lot less of you and more of Jesus.

1 John 4:7-11

Assignment: This week, find someone at GFBC and spend at least 15 minutes with them (longer is better!) and learn the following things about them. Hopefully you will share the same with them!

1. Their full name.
2. The names of their spouse and children, or parents.
3. Their favorite hobby or recreational activity.
4. A personal strength they have.
5. A personal weakness they have.
6. The name of a person they have led to Christ or is trying to lead to Christ.
7. An area of sin with which they struggle.
8. An area where they have experienced personal deliverance or victory through God working in their life.
9. Learn a prayer request that you can pray for. Pray together if possible.

Statements from the Bible in how we can develop community/relationship with each other.

1. **Love** one another: John 13:34-35; 15:12; 15:17; Romans 13:8; 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10; 1 Peter 1:22; 4:8; 1 John 3:11, 23; 4:7, 11, 12; 2 John 5
Abound in love to one another: 1 Thessalonians 3:12; 2 Thessalonians 1:3
2. **Be devoted** to one another: Romans 12:10a
3. **Honor** one another: Romans 12:10b
4. **Be of the same mind** toward one another: Romans 12:16 (cp. Romans 15:5)
5. **Build up** one another: Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:11b
6. **Accept/receive** one another: Romans 15:7
7. **Teach** one another: Romans 15:14; Colossians 3:16
8. **Greet** one another (with a holy kiss/ kiss of love): Romans 16:16a; 1 Corinthians 16:20b; 2 Corinthians 13:12; 1 Peter 5:14
9. **Have equal care/concern** for one another: 1 Corinthians 12:24-25
10. **Serve** one another: Galatians 5:13; 1 Peter 4:10
11. **Bear the burdens** of one another: Galatians 6:2
12. **Put up with** one another: Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:13a
13. **Be kind and compassionate** to one another: Ephesians 4:32a; 1 Thessalonians 5:15
14. **Forgive** one another: Ephesians 4:32b; Colossians 3:13b
15. **Submit** to one another: Ephesians 5:21
16. **Consider more important** one another than yourself: Philippians 2:3
1. **Look out for the interests** of one another: Philippians 2:4
18. **Have Spirit-filled speech** toward one another: Ephesians 5:18-19
19. **Comfort/Encourage/Exhort** one another: 1 Thessalonians 4:18; 5:11; Hebrews 3:13; 10:25
20. **Spur** one another to love and good deeds: Hebrews 10:24
21. **Confess your sins** to one another/ pray for each other: James 5:16
22. **Be hospitable** to one another: 1 Peter 4:9
23. **Be humble** towards one another: 1 Peter 5:5
24. **Be at peace** with one another: Mark 9:50 (cp. Romans 12:18)
25. **Wash** one another's feet: John 13:14