



K I N G D O M C O M M U N I T Y

Week 5 | May 6 Sermon

Community:

An excerpt from ***Community is Messy*** by Heather Zempel for you to discuss together. Is this true? How have you seen this play out in your lives? How can knowing this encourage you to “be real” in group?

Community is messy. It always has been and always will be. **Messy community is not the exception to the rule; it is the rule.** The good news is that mess, when engaged rightly, can be the very thing that brings what we most want in groups: **community and growth.**

Proverbs 14:4 has become one of my organizing metaphors in regard to community, church, small groups or whatever circles of mess we find ourselves in: **“Where there are no oxen, the manger is empty, but from the strength of an ox come abundant harvests.”**

You can have a clean barn with no animals in it, but you aren’t going to get much done without animals. Likewise, you can have a tidy church as long as no one is in it, but **community requires that we show up. And showing up means bringing our messes.**

Perhaps answering the discussion questions is easy for you to do with your groupies by now. Or maybe not yet. Would you take a risk of sharing some “mess” as you answer authentically this week? This could be a good opportunity to pull out your **Life Cards** again if the visual representation was an effective tool for you .



LEARN ABOUT JESUS

Ps 19:7-14

In order to become more Christ-like we need to get to know Jesus.

Spend time reading the Gospels, learn more about Jesus and how he interacted with others.

SANCTUARY :: Marty Schmidt

How have you seen progress in your faith walk and Christ-likeness in the past year? If there has been growth what do you think has contributed to that? If you have felt stuck what might help unstuck you?

Marty mentioned checking your RPMS. The idea is to check how you are doing Relationally / Physically / Mentally / Spiritually. How are your RPMS?

What is your ideal Scripture reading or devotional setting and rhythm?

Do you or have you ever journaled? How could journaling help you to be more Christ-like?

How is giving connected to Christ-likeness? How have you experienced giving to be something that has encouraged your faith? Is giving currently a habit for you?

AUDITORIUM:: Phil De Boef

Read and absorb Psalm 19:7-11 and Psalm 1:1-3. In these passages, what benefits can be found in studying and meditating on Scripture?

If you were given a test on the life and teachings of Christ as recorded in the four gospels, how would you score? Is this knowledge important in being a blessing to others? Why or why not?

We talked in the message about learning Christ both academically and intimately. Which of these is a stronger part of your spiritual development?

What are some ways to improve in each of these areas?

Discuss the concept of incarnational mission. Think of some ways that you could begin to put this concept into practice in your sphere of influence.



*Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. **Hebrews 10:24-25***