

All in: Life in community
Week one: Where do we find Christian community?

Discussion questions from the teaching on 1/10/16:

What do you think it means to be "All in" for life in community?

Would you agree that God has wired us to be in relationship, or community with each other?

What evidence, from scripture or from life, would you give to support your answer?

What thoughts come to mind when you think of the idea of community? When we talk about life in community, we mean the people of Jesus intentionally living life together. What does that mean to you? What are ways that we can be intentional about living life together?

The church is the venue that God provides for us to experience life in community.

Do you agree? Why or why not?

The ekklesia and the ekklesia of Jesus.

If we understand ekklesia (often translated as church) to be an assembly or gathering, does it impact our view of church? If so, how?

This is God's design, His plan for our growth.

We talked about how in the church we experience Christ in others. Can you think of examples?

We also talked about experiencing accountability and guidance in the church. Do you think it's possible to have accountability and guidance in loving, healthy ways? Can you think of examples?

Discussion questions from the articles:

Do you think it's possible to experience life in community without being connected to a local church? Why or why not?

If you were not connected to a local church, what are some of the things you would miss?

Are there any things that you would not miss?

Are there any things that you feel like you are still missing, even though you are connected to a local church?

One idea that stood out to me (Kasey) the most was that in the church we don't get to 'choose' our community and thereby choose to avoid those who might be different than us, challenge us, exhaust us, etc..

Do you think that's a good thing or a bad thing?

Do you believe there is a danger in building a community outside of the local church becoming too exclusive and self selective?

Do you believe there is a danger in the community of a local church becoming too exclusive and self selective?

If so, how can we guard against those dangers?