Incarnational Christianity

"Groups: Living In Community" Romans 15:14, Ephesians 4:15

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Introduction: We are in the midst of a series focused on Incarnational Christianity where the goal is living like Jesus.

- 1. To achieve this goal, we asked:
 - What does it mean to be born again?
 - What is true spirituality?
- 2. We then began to look at essential elements in our quest to become more like Jesus.
 - Here we have focused on grace & growth.
- 3. Today we will focus on groups & the important role community plays in our spiritual formation. I'm not sure we appreciate that importance.
- 4. Our relationships have the potential to heal, to encourage, to strengthen & to make us better!
- 5. They also have the ability to wound, discourage, weaken & make us worse!
- 6. Because that is true, we will concentrate on the kind of relationships that help us become more like Christ.
- I. A Picture Of A Healthy Community
 - A. Full Of Goodness
 - B. Filled With Knowledge
 - C. Able Counselors

- II. The Practice Of A Healthy Community
 - A. Speak
 - B. Truth
 - C. Love

Conclusion: You may already have these kinds of relationships.

- 1. Cherish & nourish them.
- 2. If you don't have these kinds of relationships, get intentional.
 - Consider/Evaluate
 - Pray
 - Invite
 - Practice