

Biblical Community

Part 4 of the *I'm In* series

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The importance of relationships in Scripture...

- Adam & Eve (Genesis 2:18)
- The Ten commandments of the Old Testament (Exodus 20:1-17)
- Jesus' Two commandments in the New Testament (Mark 12:29-31)
- The fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)

Why are relationships such a big deal?

- God is love. 1 John 4:8
- Of all the characteristics of God that He wants His church to put on display, love is the one that matters the most. (John 13:34-35, 1 Corinthians 13:1-2)
- We have been created for relationship. (Genesis 1:27)
- Becoming a person who loves greatly is the primary goal that Jesus gave us in life. (Mark 12:29-31)
- This goal can only be achieved in the context of Biblical community.

At CTK...

- Small groups are the vehicle we use to foster Biblical community.
- All roads lead to a small group.

What you can expect from a CTK small group...

- An intentional leader
- Authenticity
- Care & support
- Accountability
- Bibles to be opened
- 1 or 2 people you don't "click" with
- A challenging, frustrating, sometimes-awkward, joy-filled, life-changing, life-giving experience

Steps to getting in a small group

1. Fill out a blue connection card and check off that you'd like to be in a small group.
2. Receive an invitation from a small group leader.
3. Visit a group.
4. Commit to joining a group.

Next Steps

Take some time to answer the following questions with your spouse, children, or small group...

- Have you ever been in a small group? Was it a good or bad experience? Explain.
- Read the first part of Genesis 2:18. If someone were to observe you for an entire week, would they come to the conclusion that you agree or disagree with God's statement? Explain.
- What keeps you from diving head-long into Biblical community?
- Of all the things you can expect from a small group, which 2 do you need the most right now?
- Where is God be leading you to go from here?