

We grow in authentic community.



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Life Group Questions to consider:

1. We grow in authentic community, but our actions reveal what we really believe about that community. Why is it tough for our actions to display God's righteousness? Why do we care about being right more than we want to show His righteousness? How can an authentic community in Christ prioritize God's way over selfishness?
2. Carefully read through Matthew 5:38-48, and consider it in the context of the entire Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7. How does Jesus shift our focus from the external to the internal? Why does He choose to redirect our approach to retaliation? How does this connect to the idea of seeking God's righteousness first (Matthew 6:33)? Why does Jesus emphasize loving enemies? How is it fair for Him to say we are to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect?
3. How will you respond to this passage of Scripture? How will you demonstrate maturity and love even when it's difficult? This week, remember the call in Philippians 2:15 to shine like a light in a dark world by sharing the good news of God's perfect love and forgiveness in Christ!

Prayer::

- For each person in your group to know which next step God is calling them to. Pray that they will have clear opportunities to see God work in their lives.
- Pray that the group would surround the collective next steps and help encourage as they are taken.
- Pray for interactions with people far from God and for the group to be able to step into those conversations.
- Now go and take your next step. Go and BE the Church.