



Countercultural Practices

Week 2: Community and Service | Teacher: Steve Frissell

Sermon Questions for 7.6.2025

Opener

If you had to pick, would you want a billion dollars but be alone or would you want to be surrounded by true, biblical community?

Read

Mark 1:16-18; Mark 3:13-14; Mark 3:32-35; Galatians 4:4-7;

Main Points

1. Jesus said the new community he was creating is a family - the church isn't a building or an event, it's a family of people not based on our blood, but based on the blood of Jesus that redeemed us.
2. When we truly understand grace, we engage in relationships radically different.
3. Grace-filled relationships are accepting instead of judging.
4. Grace-filled relationships are honest instead of hiding.
5. Grace-filled relationships are encouraging instead of exhausting.
6. Grace-filled relationships are forgiving instead of withholding.
7. Grace-filled relationships are growing instead of pretending.

Engage with God in a Group

- What has been your experience with spiritual community?
- How has your life been impacted through service?
- When did your understanding of grace first impact the way you engage in relationships and treat others?
- Who, in your life, has shown you the incredible grace of God consistently in a way that has impacted your relationship with them?
- Is there someone you need to forgive, pursue, or invite in?
- Where do you think God is leading you to serve?
- What needs are you aware of that God may want to meet through you?

Bottom Line

True community found with other believers of Jesus is a family formed and marked by grace and become people of love who seek to serve others.