

Chapter 19 – What’s Keeping You From Experiencing Authentic Community?

Humanly, God created us to be social beings. As Christians, we are part of the Body of Christ. As children of God, we are expected to live in genuine fellowship with other Believers.

Why has church become an event we attend rather than a community we belong to?

- 1.
2. We really don’t embrace the depth of each Believer being _____ in Christ
As it pertains to family, we place the importance of _____ over the importance of _____

Why is it that when we get involved in ministry it starts to feel more like a duty to fulfill than serving people we love?

- 1.
2. We have a poor understanding of _____
 - a. Love for us is established primarily based on how we _____
 - b. When serving people we love (based primarily on emotion) does not feel good any more – we feel _____ eventually _____ the ministry
3. We have a poor understanding of _____
 - a. Most Christians fail to realize a call to ministry is a call to _____ for Christ’s sake
 - b. Most Christians fail to realize a call to ministry is a call to _____

Num 11:10-15; Jer 20:7-9; Phil 1:15-18

Authentic community happens when....	
• The real you (v9)	• Meets real needs (v10)
• For the right reason (v11)	• In the right way (v12-13)

Romans 12:11

- Motive – Not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. – NASB
- Method – genuine service to God is characterized by:
 - Diligence = excellence, attentiveness, thoroughness
 - Fervent = passion, zeal

Authentic community happens when the real you meet real needs with _____ & _____.

- Authentic community happens when – our focus is _____ rather than being served
- Authentic community happens when – we serve others with attentiveness & passion