

## Week 4: A God who Lives in Community

1. What is a “community” and what does it mean to be “in community?”
2. What do you believe community should look like? What are the elements of community?
3. What does this text teach us about what biblical community looks like and how we maintain it?
4. Out of all of the things that Paul commends in v. 11, which stands out to you the most and why?
5. How have you experienced restoration, comfort, agreement or peace in your time in community with other Christians?
6. With regard to practicing or pursuing restoration, comfort, agreement or peace with others, which of these is the Spirit challenging you most clearly to work on right now? What would that look like?
7. Paul directly connects his admonition to pursue the virtues of biblical community with the blessing of the Triune God. How does the trinity model community for us?
8. How has the grace of Jesus transformed your life in a way that equips you to live in biblical community?  
  
*Some examples may be, Jesus’ patience with me challenges me to be patient with others. Or the forgiveness of Jesus challenges me to forgive others.*
9. How has the Father’s love transformed your life in a way that equips you to live in biblical community?
10. At the end of his sermon, Pastor Mike suggested that while we often wait to build trust before we practice vulnerability, the truth is that it is really the opposite: vulnerability builds trust. Do you believe this is true? Why or why not?
  - a. How does this mesh with your experience in relationships with others?