

BREAKTHROUGH

Small Group Questions: Knock

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Read

Galatians 5:25-6:5

Reflect

When God created the universe, he said it was good. Everything about Creation was good – except for one thing. The first thing that God said was not good was a human without a relationship. God didn't make a mistake; rather, the writer of Genesis is making the point that every single person is meant to be in relationship. For God, relationships are not secondary: they are crucial to our existence. Do we truly understand the importance of relationships in our own lives? Are we building and maintaining healthy relationships? Take some time and reflect on these questions as they pertain to your own life.

Guest Pastor Darrin Patrick taught about the importance of community:

1. We truly reflect God when we are in deep, abiding relationships.
 - a. No matter your personality type, you were built for relationships. That's not to say that we all build relationships the same way. Take a moment to reflect on your own personality. How do you relate to other people? How has God designed you to approach relationships?
2. We cannot truly know ourselves until we are known by another person.
 - a. Have you ever had a friend who really knew you, who understood you in a way no one else did? Take some time and share with your group about those friendships. What did you learn about yourself? How has that experience shaped your approach to other relationships?
3. We should be a community of restoration
 - a. When we live in community with others we need to be in the business of restoring each other. Darrin pointed out that confrontation is a necessary part of restoration. Why are these two things (confrontation and restoration) so important for healthy communities?
4. We should be a community of burden-bearers
 - a. Some of us are great at confronting, but not so hot at bearing the burdens of others. Take some time and discuss in your group: what does it look like to bear the burdens of others?

What was your biggest take-away from the weekend message?

Respond

- What do you feel like God is asking you to do in response to the weekend message? What is your next step?
- How can your Life Group support you and hold you accountable in this?

