

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Our Values / Week 2

There's Room For You – Anyone can experience authentic community

Introduction

Every one of us wants a place where we can connect with other people, be ourselves and be accepted for who we are, regardless of where we are at on the journey of life. Church should be such a place, where anyone can come along as they are and experience the love of Jesus through others.

Read

Genesis 2:18, Acts 2:42-47

Discuss

1. Think of a time when you were in a social setting or with a group of people in an environment that was new for you. What helped (or didn't help) you to connect in? What were your fears in going to this group?
2. Read Genesis 2:18. What does this verse tell of the origins of mankind and the need for genuine community with others?
3. What could be a deterrent for someone to enter into community with others? What can be the impact of this?
4. Read Acts 2:42-47. We see in the early church a strong model of the impact of authentic community. What were some of the outcomes of the early church community that is described in these verses? What enabled this?
5. What can we do today to emulate the type of genuine and authentic community that was so attractive in the early church? What is different today?

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Respond

Survey results show that one of the greatest fears people have in visiting a church is the fear of being judged, standing out or not fitting in. How can we help people feel at ease and experience authentic community when they walk in the doors of church? What is one thing you could do this week to show that there is room for anyone to experience authentic community at Crossway?

Family Discussion Question

Talk about who you could invite over for dinner, a BBQ or a picnic in the park. Share stories and celebrate with each other.