



The King's Family

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It's through Christian community that we become complete people.

Who was your best friend when you were a kid? How did you become best friends?

**Do you think God intends for you to have close relationships with others now?
What are some of the things that should mark those relationships?**

God never intended that we should be alone. But because we live in a broken and fragmented society, the practice of community is a discipline in which we must engage. When we choose to relate to others, we not only model the perfect community of the Trinity, we also find that relationships are one of God's gifts to us in order for us to become complete people.

READ [GALATIANS 5:26-6:5](#).

In this passage, we see three obstacles to our community. The first obstacle is conceit. How, in your own words, does conceit keep us from true community?

Another attitude that keeps us from community is that of provoking—this is looking down on others. When we look down on someone else, we form an obstacle to true community. One of the ways we identify this characteristic in ourselves is by asking who we are tempted to ignore the most.

**Who are you tempted to ignore the most?
How does that represent an attitude of provoking?**

**A third characteristic is that of envying.
Why does envy put up a barrier to community?**

Why do you think we struggle with comparison so much?

We cannot be in community with those we either look down on or look up to with envy. As long as we are comparing ourselves with others, we will not truly and deeply relate to them. The antidote for these characteristics is to become a community of restoration.

Biblical community is much deeper than mere acquaintance; it's meant to bring us closer to Jesus. That means we must regularly engage in difficult truth-telling. We have to commit ourselves to each other's good and well-being and not just their comfort.

What are some of the ways you need to develop the relationships around you to pursue this kind of community?

What do we need to do in our group to make sure we are fostering this discipline of community?