

SMALL GROUP Q'S

A Relational Community

August 26, 2018

Ephesians 3:17-21

- 1.) What are your most natural ways of hiding or avoiding deep relationship? Are you prone to keeping people at arms' length through busyness, through isolation, or something else?
- 2.) Explain one way that the bond of Jesus enables true relationships that is difficult to imagine without him.
- 3.) Will said the Church is designed to work as "Jesus has carried all my burdens, poured himself out for me to overflowing, served me so consistently that I am delighted to do the same for all of you – whether you've personally poured into me or not – for all of you ... and especially if Jesus has brought you into his family, too!" In what ways have you seen churches struggle with that kind of community? In what ways have you seen that kind of burden-carrying community lived out?
- 4.) How are family relationships different from other relationships? How should this apply in the family of God?
- 5.) Will said seeing God's love "together with all the saints" means "I need way more than those like me and those I like." How would thinking this way change how you spend your time each week?
- 6.) Have you confessed any specific sin to anyone recently? If not, what does that say about our theology of the Christian life? If I'm close enough for people truly to know me, how ought that also to point me back to Jesus regularly?



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