

The 7 Essentials for Biblical Community:

1 Samuel 18-20

- Be _____ – God orchestrates circumstances and chemistry.
1 Samuel 18:1-2

- Be _____ – We rarely drift into authentic community.
1 Samuel 18:3

- Be _____ – Share the last 10%.
1 Samuel 19:1-5

- Be _____ – When crisis comes, “friends” arrive.
1 Samuel 20:1-4

- Be _____ – Don’t “shrink back” when things “heat up.”
1 Samuel 20:5-17

- Be _____ – Refuse to let fear or pride limit your relationships.
1 Samuel 20:40-41

- Be _____ – Help them become an r12 Christian every day in every way.
1 Samuel 23:15-18

David and Jonathan's _____ with God was the basis for their devotion to one another.

⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

Jesus of Nazareth - John 15:9-13 (NIV)

Jonathan and David's relationship reveals that authentic community occurs when the real you meets real needs for the right reason in the right way.

⁹Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; ¹¹not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹²rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, ¹³contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality."

Romans 12:9-13 (NAS)

- Authentic community is the _____ of Christianity.

"... that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

Jesus of Nazareth - John 17:21 (NAS)

Question: How can you experience authentic community?

1. Get _____ in a spiritually positive, relational atmosphere.
 - Be aware
 - Be intentional

2. Go _____ with one or two people in your group.
 - Be honest
 - Be available
 - Be loyal

3. Share and pray about a _____ struggle or fear in your life with a safe person.
 - Be vulnerable
 - Be spiritual