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.

9”As 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.

9”Let 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