

Each week, we will highlight one of GGC's culture code in connection with the 10:30am Gospel Growth study. Read the description of Christian Community and discuss what stands out in it to you. *Christians are born into a new community through the reconciling work of Christ. This new identity compels us to live in a communion of brotherly love. This is because when we are secure in God's love, we are free and responsible to radically love one another in transparency, accountability, and mutual edification.*




- 1 **Community is both a work of God in the gospel and a response of believers to the gospel.**
How do you see both at work in these NT passages? *Hebrews 10:19-25, 2 Corinthians 5:17-20.*

- 2 **Discuss the following quote...** "If we come to church just to be with one another, one another is all we'll get. And it isn't enough. Inevitably, our hearts will grow empty, and then angry. If we put community first, we will destroy community. But if we come to Christ first and submit ourselves to him and draw life from him, community gets traction." Ray Ortlund

- 1 **If you only had 2 weeks to live, what is one thing you must do? Would you want to know the exact date of your death? Why or why not?**

- 2 **Read Psalm 90:1.** What kind of emotions does the word "home" evoke in you? Does it fit your image of God? Why or why not?

 What does John 14:23, Eph. 2:19-22, and Rev. 21:2-3 add to your understanding of God as your home or dwelling place.

- 3 **How often do you think about the brevity of life?** What comes to mind when you do think about it? What circumstances cause you to think more about this reality?

 What impact does thinking about the brevity of life have on your priorities or decisions? How can you tell?

