



Discussion Questions

Sermon title: "The Quest for Community"

Speaker: Pastor Gary Clark

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Don't feel pressured to cover every single question, especially in the "Let's Dig" section.

Let's Talk

1. Tell the group about one of your childhood friends and some great memories you have of that friendship.

Let's Dig

1. What is one thing Pastor Gary said that you want to discuss?
2. Edward Hallowell wrote that the two most powerful experiences in life are achieving and connecting. David Brooks claims we live resume' lives rather than eulogy lives. Thoughts? What encourages us to live resume' lives? Eulogy lives? What kind of life do you think Jesus calls us to live?
3. God lives and exists as a community in the mystery of the Trinity. What can we learn from that example? What implications does that have on how we live our lives?
4. As you look at the life of Jesus what do you learn about relationships and community?
5. What is your response to the research that shows that relationships have an even greater impact on our health than exercise and eating habits? How have friendships enhanced your life?
6. When have you experienced "crabs in a bucket," when it seems everyone is trying to pull you down?
7. When have you experienced loving, forgiving, life-giving friendship? What is it that people do that makes the difference and gives you life?
8. Read John 17:20-26. What strikes you about this prayer by Jesus? Implications?
9. Share a story of how you were able to serve someone or meet a need together with others that you simply could not have done by yourself.

Let's Act

1. Gary suggested that we intentionally do some things to create and enjoy community; control our tongues, join a church, join a group and find a place to serve. What is one thing you can do this week to make progress in one of these areas?

For Next Week

Next week's sermon is titled, "The Rejection of the King." Pastor Dale Hummel will be speaking. Please read Luke 17:1-47 to prepare.

