

“Gospel Relationships are Different”

Forgiveness

James 3:2 For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.

Matthew 18:23-35

Encouragement

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Hebrews 10:24-25

Deuteronomy 1:38

Romans 15:5-6

Love

1 John 4:10-11

Romans 12:10

Galatians 6:2

Transparency / Being “Real”

^{NIV} **Romans 15:7** Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

^{ESV} **Romans 15:7** Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Relatability

Fellowship

1 Peter 4:10-11

Friendship

James 2:23 ... "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"- and he was called a friend of God.

Have you ever thought of yourself as having Jesus as your friend?

John 15:13-16

Quotes:

“Unfortunately, many of our experiences have been different. Community groups are often seen as obligatory and life taking. We secretly hope the kids will be sick so we can stay home. We know if we go, then Sally is going to dominate the conversation with the same issues that we’ve heard for the last three weeks, and insensitive Rob is going to miss the point and start lobbing verses at her. As this drags on, Jim is going to try to prove he is the smartest guy in the room by parsing a Greek verb and quoting dead Puritans. Then, just when time is running out, we will go through prayer requests for each other’s aunts’ cats that are suffering from angina. My only prayer will be that it ends soon so I can go get one more piece of banana bread and get home to my TV. This is not a picture of community. Yet many of us have settled for this experience because we don’t know better or because we consider it a modern form of self-mortification.” Brad House

