

Alderwood Community Church

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Living in Community Every Day

Following Jesus Every Day

Mark 3:16-19; Galatians 2:14; and Matthew 22:37-39

Big Idea: The purpose of community is to grow as followers of Jesus.

Misconception #1: Great community shares common

_____, _____, _____, and
_____.

The Reality: Great community shares a common _____ and
_____. **Mark 3:16-19**

Misconception #2: Great community always _____
_____.

The Reality: In a great community, God uses _____ to
make us more _____. **Galatians 2:14**

Misconception #3: My _____ with God is more important than my _____.

The Reality: Your relationships _____ are inseparable from your relationship _____.

Matthew 22:37-39

Sermon Questions:

1. Pastor Wyatt pointed out that even among Jesus' closest friends, the twelve disciples, Jesus intentionally called people from different cultural, political, and religious perspectives, like Matthew the tax collector and Simon the zealot. How do you typically respond to Christians who see the world fundamentally differently from you?

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- Pastor Wyatt listed three misconceptions that get in the way of real Christian community. Which ones do you remember and which most stood out to you?
- The New Testament records many conflicts that occurred in the Early Church (**Acts 6:1-6**; **Acts 15:36-41**; **Galatians 2:11-14**). In each case, the conflict brought about a good outcome. What are some ways that God can use conflict in our lives for good?
- Read **Matthew 22:34-40**. Why is it so important that Jesus was asked for just ONE commandment (the greatest) and chose to give two? How does that inform our efforts to live in Christian community?

5. Take your remaining time to discuss and pray about YOUR Life Group by answering the following questions:
- Does our group spur us on to follow Jesus every day?
 - Is this a group where we talk about the real issues going on in our everyday lives and how Jesus impacts them?
 - Is our group focused on the mission of Jesus or ourselves?
 - Is our group a place where people can find community?