

RULE OF LIFE – COMMUNITY

November 11th, 2024

MESSAGE RECAP

This week's message emphasizes that the church is not just a place or event but a community where everyone belongs. God designed people for community, reflecting the triune unity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This type of community is part of our spiritual formation. At Northland, this looks like creating a space where everyone feels they belong, trust is built, personal items are unpacked, and support is given for the long journey of faith.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How are you...really?
2. What's one thing about a past/present community or friendship that made you feel valued or understood?
3. **We choose to 'Engage in Authentic Relationships'**: Genesis 2:18 and Proverbs 13:20
 - a. What does it mean to be "authentic" in relationships, and why is this important? How does our faith community help you feel like you can be your true self?
4. **We choose to trust**: John 15:12-15
 - a. How can trust with others strengthen our community?
5. **We choose to unpack our box**: Matthew 9:10-13
 - a. Like Matthew, we all come to Jesus and this community with a story. Why do you think it's important to create a space where people feel safe to open up?
 - b. In many families, only a few emotions are "permissible," which can make us hide or avoid certain feelings. How have your experiences with family or other communities shape how comfortable you are with sharing different emotions?
 - c. How can our group become a place where we can unpack our whole box?
6. **We choose to walk with people the long way**. 2 Corinthians 1:3-7
 - a. Walking with others through their struggles is a long-term commitment. What does this passage teach us about supporting others? Is there anyone in your life right now who could benefit from you living this out?

End your group time in prayer.