

CORE VALUES | the essence of who we are as the Body of Christ

At The Table four leading values emerged from our understanding of the gospel. It is from these defining principles that we exist, rooting ourselves in one or all of these values. To illustrate the significance of these convictions, we asked our staff to share each week how one of these particular values is being played out in their area of ministry.



Authentic Community

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Our value of Authentic Community comes from our understanding that God, in his very nature as Trinity, is a God in community. There is great intentionality between the Father, Son, and Spirit to be and serve together in intimate relationship. As His image-bearers we share this same design and longing.



Here are ways you can exercise Authentic Community:

- 1) Use "the break" – push quickly from surface conversations to vulnerability.
- 2) Share a meal – eating together doesn't make authentic community, but it provides an opportunity.
- 3) Join a Life Group – people consistently sharing their lives and seeking Jesus together = authentic community.
- 4) Meet with someone – as organized as NW Passage or as informal as a coffee date.



Here are some good questions to ask:

- What is making you come alive right now? ... sucking out your life?
- What has God been nudging you about lately?
- Who has God put in your life that you can serve this week?



Authentic community starts with being together and listening. This week be intentional about having vulnerable conversations. It may feel a little awkward, but the more we exercise this value the more natural it will be. If you want further suggestions or want to join a life group, contact me.

~ Tim Evans, Life Group Pastor