



Week 9- How to Experience Authentic Community: Part 1

Introduction:

Why do so many good and sincere Christians get “spiritually stuck?” They love God, they want to grow, they have seen some measure of spiritual transformation, but they “stall,” they hit a spiritual ceiling. Some habits or attitudes seem to never change. Trying hard and making “re-commitments” last only for a short time. What do you do when you’re spiritually stuck?

The greatest seed, in the greatest soil, cannot grow in the wrong environment.

- The _____ of Jesus requires a very specific spiritual ecosystem.

John 13:34-35

- The _____ of Jesus’ ministry to develop His disciples demands a specific ecosystem.

Mark 3:13-14

- The _____ of the early church and its impact argue for a specific ecosystem.

Acts 2:42-47

- The _____ of the Church, past and present, confirms a specific ecosystem for spiritual growth and transformation.

The Spiritual Environment: _____.

The form this system takes is: _____.

A critical distinction: _____ **DO NOT NECESSARILY**

EQUAL _____

The principle: We must be engaged in the spiritual ecosystem
of authentic community for spiritual maturity to occur.

Two big questions:

1. What is authentic community?
2. How do you get it?