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Big Idea

The Holy Spirit's plan A is people.

Biblical Community...

KNOWN, ACCEPTED, SUPPORTED, DEVELOPED

Romans 15:1-7

¹ We who are strong must be considerate of those who are sensitive about things like this. We must not just please ourselves.

² We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord.

³ For even Christ didn't live to please himself. As the Scriptures say, "The insults of those who insult you, O God, have fallen on me."

⁴ Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

⁵ May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus.

⁶ Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.

Characteristics of Biblical Community:

- Biblical Community is not designed to be convenient.
What am I willing to give up for those around me?
- Biblical Community's goal is development not comfort.
How am I helping build people up around me?
- Biblical Community is imperfect and woefully messy.
How patient am I with myself, others, and God?
- Biblical Community is about unity not uniformity.
How am I demonstrating radical acceptance?

1 Corinthians 10:23-33

²³ You say, “I am allowed to do anything”—but not everything is good for you. You say, “I am allowed to do anything”—but not everything is beneficial.

²⁴ Don’t be concerned for your own good but for the good of others.

²⁵ So you may eat any meat that is sold in the marketplace without raising questions of conscience. ²⁶ For “the earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.”

²⁷ If someone who isn’t a believer asks you home for dinner, accept the invitation if you want to. Eat whatever is offered to you without raising questions of conscience.

²⁸ (But suppose someone tells you, “This meat was offered to an idol.” Don’t eat it, out of consideration for the conscience of the one who told you.

²⁹ It might not be a matter of conscience for you, but it is for the other person.) For why should my freedom be limited by what someone else thinks?

³⁰ If I can thank God for the food and enjoy it, why should I be condemned for eating it?

³¹ So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

³² Don’t give offense to Jews or Gentiles or the church of God.

³³ I, too, try to please everyone in everything I do. I don’t just do what is best for me; I do what is best for others so that many may be saved.

Only works if the Holy Spirit creates it; we choose to enter it.

We don’t have the resources on our own to love each other sufficiently.

1 Corinthians 11:1

And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.