

Message by Renji Abraham
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Romans 12:9-16

The discipline of Engaging with Community

The summer preaching series will be focusing on the Spiritual Disciplines. The particular disciplines that we will be covering are:

Reading Scripture,	Prayer,	Purity,	Giving,
Joy,	Worship,	Opportunity,	Fasting,
Submission,	Earth-keeping,	Humility,	Community,
Solitude,	Confession,	Sharing Jesus.	

Questions for Discussion:

1. Pastor Renji used the example of a police officer who trains for what might happen in the real world so that he/she would be ready to act and react in the right way. Is there an application for us in this example? How could we create “real world scenarios” to prepare ourselves for ‘being’ and ‘engaging’ as the Body of Christ in our world?
2. What is the difference between “independence” and “interdependence”? What makes us choose self-reliance/independence rather than interdependence?
3. Read the passage again out loud... What commands are listed here for us to put into practice? Which ones are ‘corporate’ in nature and which ones are ‘individual’? Are we missing opportunities to live out these commands right now? If so, what are they?
4. Do we actively seek opportunities to engage with those of other cultures and backgrounds – both inside and outside the church? How can we become more pro-active and ‘at ease’ with this engaging attitude? How can we bring Christ into our ‘real world’ conversations and lives?
5. Pastor mentioned that we are to be the ‘tangible experience of Christ’ to one another. Are we? Are we doing this well? How might we do it better? Do others really know that we are part of the body of Christ? How will they know? What efforts are you willing to make so that they might experience Christ in a tangible way?