



Authentic Community

Sunday, September 13, 2020

Bible Page Numbers

Beginner's Bible pg. 480

Adventure Bible pg. 1272 (Acts 2:42-47)



TALK
ABOUT IT

Today we are going to hear Pastor Nate and Pastor Jon teach us the importance of being in an Authentic Community. Let's discuss, as a family, the Authentic Community we are a part of.

Opening discussion questions for your family:

- Who are we in community with?
 - Church Family, Neighbors, School/Work Friends
- What are some ways that we care for our community of friends?
- How do our friends care for us?
- If we were in need, how do you think a good friend might help us?

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**SERMON +
WORSHIP**

Watch this week's Sermon and Worship Set



**ACTIVITY
OPTIONS**

Activity Option 1: Scattered Blessings

What you need:

Paper and crayons/markers

What you do:

Pass out paper and markers. Encourage everyone to draw a large tree with leaves or seeds on the ground around it. Then, have them write on the leaves/seeds gifts that God has given them that they can use to bless others.

What to say:

At first it makes me sad to think of all the beautiful trees around our neighborhood losing all their leaves as fall is approaching. But do you know what else is happening? As the leaves fall, so do seeds that make it possible for new trees to grow. If our lovely trees never gave up its leaves, we wouldn't have any new trees sprout and grow. Our giving is a lot like the trees around our yard. When we give, we scatter our blessings to others and in turn, those people are able to bless others.

God hasn't given us gifts to keep to ourselves. We are to use everything God has given us to bring Him glory!





ACTIVITY OPTIONS

Activity Option 2: When Jesus was HERE

What you need:

Paper, scissors & crayons/markers

What you say:

Sometimes it's hard to do things by ourselves. We need each other for help and encouragement. One thing I love about being a part of God's family is that I have so many other people—like you guys—to help me follow Jesus. Did you guys know that we can work as a team with other people in God's family? We CAN and we SHOULD! When Jesus was here, He used His hands to help. His family (us) should act like Him by helping others too! Let's do this activity together, as a family, to practice being more like Jesus!

What you do:

- Choose a color of paper & trace one of your hands (younger children may need help with this)
- Think of a way you want to help this week; this should be specific with WHO you will help and WHAT you will do
- Draw or write what you will do inside of your traced hand
- Write the name of the person you will help at the bottom of the hand
- Cut the hand out
- Give the hand to the person you are going to help, like a "coupon". Example: If you are going to help your brother with the dishes, you should give the hand to your brother today.



TALK ABOUT IT

Discussion Questions:

Let's take some time to discuss what we took away from the sermon today?

(Take turns letting each family member share)

- What is one thing we each learned after listening to Pastor Nate & Pastor Jon?
- Why does “authentic community” matter? (Help explain “authentic” for younger children)
- How are we affected by being a part of a larger and smaller group of Church Family?
- How, as a family, can we serve others together?



PRAYER

Prayer:

What you say:

Let's pray and ask God to help us trust him.

Thank you, God, for the Church!

Thank you for a community to guide us, to help teach us how much you love us, and to serve alongside us! God, we ask that you show us at least one way we can help serve somebody around us this week. Help us to have generous hearts and share your love with our friends and all those around us.

In Jesus name, Amen.



MEMORY VERSE

Memory Verse:

Parents: We want to encourage you to spend time each week as a family memorizing a passage of Scripture.

Philippians 2:3-4 (NIRV)

Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves. None of you should look out just for your own good. Each of you should also look out for the good of others.

Philippians 2:3-4 (ESV)

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.