

## Authentic Community

The Profile of an r12 Disciple is ...

### SURRENDERED TO GOD (Romans 12:1)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

### SEPARATE FROM THE WORLD (Romans 12:2)

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.

### SOBER IN SELF-ASSESSMENT (Romans 12:3-8)

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

### SERVING IN LOVE (Romans 12:9-13)

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

### SUPERNATURALLY RESPONDING TO EVIL WITH GOOD (Romans 12:14-21)

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

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Romans 12:10

*Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourself.*

### David and Jonathan on How to Experience an Authentic Community

1. Be Aware

*By the time David had finished reporting to Saul, Jonathan was deeply impressed with David—an immediate bond was forged between them. He became totally committed to David. From that point on he would be David's number-one advocate and friend.*

1 Samuel 18:1

2. Be Intentional

*Jonathan out of his deep love for David, made a covenant with him. He formalised it with solemn gifts: his own royal robe and weapons—armour, sword, bow and belt.*

1 Samuel 18:3-4

3. Be Honest

*"My father is looking for a way to kill you. Here's what you are to do ..."*

1 Samuel 19:2

4. Be Available

*David: "Your father is trying to kill me!"*

*Jonathan: "Tell me what you have in mind. I'll do anything for you."*

1 Samuel 20:4

*Crisis often reveals who your true friends are.*

5. Be Loyal

*Jonathan repeated his pledge of love and friendship for David. He loved David more than his own soul.*

1 Samuel 20:17

6. Be Vulnerable

*After the servant was gone, David got up from his hiding place beside the boulder, then fell on his face to the ground—three times prostrating himself! And then they kissed one another and wept, friend over friend, David weeping especially hard. Jonathan said, "Go in peace! The two of us have vowed friendship in God's Name, saying, 'God will be the bond between me and you, and between my children and your children forever!'"*

1 Samuel 20:41-42

7. Be Spiritual

*"Don't despair. My father, Saul, can't lay a hand on you. You will be Israel's king and I'll be right at your side to help. And my father knows it." Then the two of them made a covenant before God. David stayed at Horesh and Jonathan went home.*

1 Samuel 23:17-18

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning more about how to become a Christian | <input type="checkbox"/> Talking to church leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signing up for (events / class / care group)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership               |
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Today I attended the service at:

- 9.30am  11.30am  5pm

On the:

- 1st Floor  2nd Floor

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Praise / Prayer

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