

Deep Life

3/16/08
Director: Scott



8:15 Worship Team
9:00 Leader's Meeting (Prayer, People, Program)

9:35 Greetings!
Open in Prayer – Matt M

Worship:

9:55 JH Upstairs

HS+C Announcements (Conner) (2 big, 5 small) (5min)

- HS Mexico – make sure you make it to church on time – cause we are getting prayed for! Make sure you have your stuff packed for Saturday night – service and packing at 6pm, eat dinner ahead of time, and turn in Essay 3!
- Good Friday Service – Friday at 7pm.
- College – Monday nights @ 7:30pm. The next Snack Time for the Soul is March 31!
- HS Seniors – give Scott a senior pic!
- Lunch today?
- Grow – read your Bibles and walk with Jesus!
- Birthdays?

10:00 Lesson: **Fellowship: A Cluster Analysis** (Scott)

MAIN POINT: God has called us to deeply love each other with Christ's love – this is fellowship.

Figuring Out Fellowship (10min)

- What is fellowship?
- Read John 13.34-35
 - o How should we love? How did Jesus love? (serving, sacrifice)
 - o How should we be attracting visitors to our group?
 - o What are some things we can not do, if we were living out this command?
 - o *Fellowship is centered on loving each other with Christ's love.*
- Read 1 John 1.1-7
 - o Look at v.3. Who does John have fellowship with? How?
 - o Why is John writing this letter? How can they get this fellowship?
 - o *Fellowship is centered on God.*
 - o What does John tell us about fellowship in vv.5-6?
 - o *Fellowship is centered on walking with God in truth and light.*
- Fellowship is not every time Christians are together; it is more than just hanging out (though there is nothing wrong with that). It is having fun, serving together, pushing each other, holding each other accountable, helping each other in weakness – it is GOD'S LOVE for other Christians THROUGH US.
- How does this all play out in reality? →

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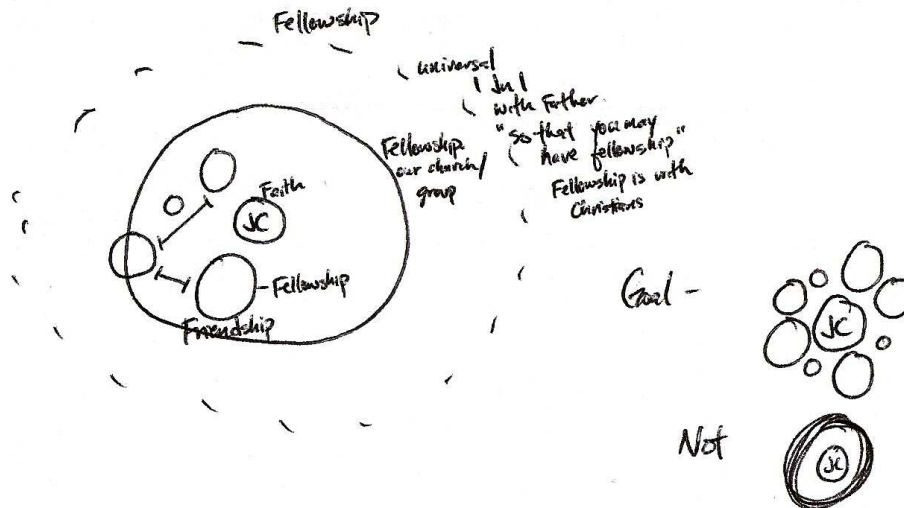


Story – “Everyone” (5min/10:10)

- 2 things it is fun to hear as a youth pastor: “everyone’s here” “everyone’s upset”
- What does that mean?
- Your “everyone” is your “cluster” – that is ok.

A Cluster Analysis (20min/10:15)

- Fellowship, Faith, Friendship
 - o How can we have fellowship with ALL Christians? (serving, sacrificing, worship)
 - o What is the difference between friendship and fellowship?
 - Fellowship is bigger and smaller than friendship – the whole group, and a depth of spiritual intimacy inside of your cluster
 - o What is your cluster(s)?
 - o What other clusters are close to your cluster?
 - o What happens when someone doesn’t connect with any cluster?
 - What does this mean for YOU? (reach out, clusters should always be open)
 - Why do we sometimes intentionally force you out of your clusters?
 - o What happens with these clusters on the weekends? (cluster of friends, someone might be in two clusters, invites the other cluster – that’s ok! Another cluster may not get invited – that’s ok, too!)
 - o How close is your cluster to Christ?



- The Goal – for all our clusters to be close to Christ – serving each other, centered on Jesus Christ, and walking in truth and light.
 - o The goal is NOT for us to have “one group” – that is not realistic, and not how God made us.
 - o God made us to connect more with some people – but to serve and love and challenge ALL.
 - o This is not cliques – because they are open, serving, and centered on Christ.
 - o *So be ok with people having clusters! But work to keep those clusters centered on Christ and focused on true fellowship!*

Cluster Time (10min/10:35)

- Get into YOUR cluster. Discuss together
- How much does your cluster serve others in this ministry?
- How close is your cluster to Christ?
- Pray for each other!

10:45 Close in Prayer