

# Life Group Discussion Questions

John 15:12-17

## OPENING DISCUSSION

What are the characteristics of someone who is “authentic” in their relationships? Do you think authenticity is a rare quality in relationships? Why or why not?

Who is one authentic person you know? What makes the person authentic?

## SERMON

Did anything stick out to you about what Pastor James shared?

How does Jesus model what He expects from His disciples? Do you think this is a hard model to follow?

When it comes to vulnerability, transparency, and accountability, which comes the easiest for you? Which is the hardest?

## APPLICATION

How do you feel about the idea that our relationships can affect God’s willingness to answer our prayers. (See also 1 Peter 3:7 » What does this passage add to the discussion about how relationships affect answered prayer?)

Are there any relationships in your life that need mending?

How can you be more vulnerable with other Christians?

How can you be more transparent with other Christians?

Where does accountability fit into your Christian relationships? Do you allow others to hold you accountable? What does that look like?

Review the values of North Hills on the front cover. How is God at work in your life in the area of Authentic Relationships?

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## Mandate – Our Mission

Love God. Serve Others. Change the World!

(Mark 12:28-34; Mark 8:34; Matt. 28:18-20)

### Motives – Our Values

#### Authentic Relationships

Demonstrate God’s love in our relationships through vulnerability, transparency, and accountability to experience a healthy, life-changing community.

(Acts 2:42, 44-46; Prov. 17:17; John 15:13; John 15:15; Rev. 3:20)

#### Experiencing the Presence of God

Exalting the moment by moment devotion to God’s majesty, glory, and power.

(Acts 2:42-43, 46-47; Rev. 21:1-4)

#### Transformational Living

Teaching and discipling all generations to faithfully obey by engaging the world in sharing the good news of salvation.

(Acts 2:41-42, 47; Matt. 28:18-20; Rom. 12:1-2)

#### Intimate Conversations with God

Consistently communicating with God through adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication.

(Acts 2:42; Matt. 6:9-13; Matt. 26:39; Mark 1:35; Phil. 4:6-8)

#### Humble Heart to Serve

Selflessly serving together to build God’s kingdom.

(Acts 2:44-45; Phil. 2:2-15; Mark 8:34)

### Marks – How we define success (Our Targets)

A Mind for Truth | A Heart for God | A Mouth for Encouraging  
A Spirit of Unity | Hands for Serving | Feet for Going | Knees for Praying

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Week 22 of 2020-2021 Sermon Series: Transformed

## - *Transformed Values* -

Living in Authentic Community (John 15:12-17)

### TRANSFORMATIONAL PRINCIPLE:

Demonstrate God's love in our \_\_\_\_\_ to experience a healthy, life-changing \_\_\_\_\_.

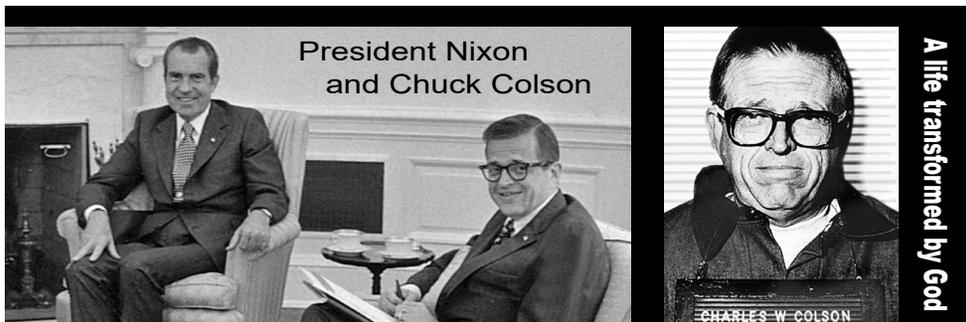
1. Through \_\_\_\_\_ (15:12-13)

2. Through \_\_\_\_\_ (15:14-15)

3. Through \_\_\_\_\_ (15:16-17)

### RESPONSE:

Do you long for authentic relationships with God and one another?



- Week 1:** Because we are prone to conform, we must let God transform. (Romans 12:1-2)
- Week 2:** Because of all Jesus has done, surrender what you think you know. (Mark 8:34-37)
- Week 3:** If we really want to know what to do, abandon the world's ways for God's ways. (Isaiah 55:6-11)
- Week 4:** Accept that the world's ways are at odds with the ways of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18-30)
- Week 5:** If you want to be transformed, you must learn to deal with your sinful nature. (Romans 8:1-11)
- Week 6:** Look past what is seen and believe what is unseen. (Hebrews 11:1-6)
- Week 7:** Overcome the world with love and humility. (Romans 12:9-21)
- Week 8:** Recognize that the purpose of our transformation is not personal or private. (Mark 10:42-45)
- Week 9:** Individual transformation happens best in the midst of united community. (Hebrews 10:19-25)
- Week 10:** Some may go and some may stay: but working together, God is transforming the world through the power of the gospel. (Philippians 4:10-20)
- Week 11:** Transformed people do the work of God like it's second nature. (Matthew 25:31-46)
- Week 12:** Transformed prayer leads to a transformed mind. (Philippians 4:4-9)
- Week 13:** A transformed heart will change the way you talk to others. (Ephesians 4:29)
- Week 14:** Transformed people unite in transformed community. (Ephesians 4:1-6)
- Week 15:** Right attitude speaks louder than right action alone. (Philippians 2:14-18)
- Week 16:** Transformed people are on the go. (Romans 10:8-17)
- Week 17:** Recognize your need for a Savior. (Matthew 1:18-23)
- Week 18:** Learn to see the spiritual battle for your soul that is going on in and around you. (1 John 3:1-10)
- Week 19:** Don't miss the truth when it's right in front of you. (John 18:33-38)
- Week 20:** Abundant life must have boundaries. (John 10:1-10)
- Week 21:** The promise of everlasting life changes what we value in this present life. (Matthew 6:19-24)