



Creating Life-Giving and Life-Changing Community

WORKSHOP 2: *Cultivating Low Ego and High Trust in Your Community*

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Authentic Spiritual Community

- ▶ Authentic spiritual community reflects mutual and shared relationships among God’s people characterized by love—openness, vulnerability, care, concern, self-sacrificial service, correction, and speaking the truth in love.
- ▶ The nature of spiritual community reflects a space where God’s people are known and loved—where we are known and loved as well as where we can know and love others.
- ▶ Authentic spiritual community reflects God’s love lived out in tangible ways with other Christ followers.



Low Ego versus High Ego

- ▶ Low ego refers to having a secure personal identity anchored in Jesus.
 - ↳ This leads to humility, low pride, and other-centeredness.
 - ↳ Jesus is an example of a low ego leader.
- ▶ High ego refers to an attempt to anchor personal identity in a person’s role & performance.
 - ↳ This leads to performance drivenness, pride, being self-focused, using others, and protecting self.
 - ↳ Saul, the first king of Israel, is an example of a high ego leader.



Jesus’ Example as a Low Ego Leader

- ▶ **Philippians 2:5-11**
 - ↳ Jesus chose humility over celebrity.
 - ↳ Jesus chose obedience over entitlement.
 - ↳ Jesus chose to serve others rather than seek personal gain.



Discussion Questions

- ▶ What are examples of Jesus’ low ego or humility?
- ▶ How did that develop or deepen trust among his followers?



Anchoring Our Own Identity in Jesus

- ▶ Who am I? Exercise
- ▶ Who am I? Bookmark



Four Questions to Deepen Trust

- ▶ **Compassion:** How do I care for the people in my community?
- ▶ **Character:** How is my character worthy of others' trust?
- ▶ **Communication:** How does my communication build deeper relationships and stronger community?
- ▶ **Consistency:** How consistent are my words and my actions?
- ▶ How would you rate yourself on scale of 1-10?



Discussion Questions

- ▶ Which of these four questions do need to be more intentional about?
- ▶ What difference would that make for you and for your community?



Application

How can you apply one point from tonight's workshop in your community during Covid?



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