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**Abide #9 – The Disciple’s Community and Relationships**  
February 8 – February 15, 2017

**Lean In**

1. Think of the relationships in your life. Do you have deep meaningful relationships or you more individualistic? Explain.

**Look Down**

Read [Acts 2:37-47](#)

2. Read [Genesis 1:28](#). What is the first expression of community in Scripture? Explain.
3. Read [Acts 2:42-47](#). List everything you learn about the early church from this passage.  
\*Hint there are at least 13 things 😊
4. Based on what you learned above, what are 5 characteristics of a Spirit-Filled community? Now describe Biblical community?
5. Why is it important to be in community as a disciple of Christ?
6. Read [Ephesians 2:19-22](#). What do the three examples Paul uses in this passage tell us about Christian unity and community?

7. Read the following statements and list what you learn about “one anothers” both stated and implied:

<b>Passage</b>	<b>Stated</b>	<b>Implied</b>
Romans 12:9-10		
Romans 15:7		
2 Corinthians 13:11		
Colossians 3:12-13, 16		
Galatians 5:13-15		
Galatians 6:1-6		
Ephesians 4:32		
James 5:16		
Hebrews 3:13		
Romans 15:14		
1 Thessalonians 5:14		
Acts 4:32		

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## Look Out

8. How does the individualistic mindset of our culture impact our relationship with God and others?
  
9. How does technology impact our relationships with others?

## Look In

10. Why do we you think we try to excuse our sin with the explanation, “That’s just the way I am”? How does this cheapen the work of the Holy Spirit in your life?
  
11. How does the individualistic mindset impact how I as a Christian approach discipleship?

## Live it Out

12. As you reflect on the lessons from the past 9 sessions. What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ? What has impacted you the most in terms of changes that need to happen in your life as a disciple of Christ? Who in your Life Group can you pair up with to keep you accountable?
  - a. Bridging the Gap: The Disciples Journey
  - b. You in Christ
  - c. Christ in You
  - d. The Disciples Mission
  - e. The Disciples Mind
  - f. The Disciples Longings
  - g. The Disciples Body
  - h. The Disciples Will
  - i. The Disciples Relationship
  
13. Read [Ephesians 2:14-22](#). What are some practical implications for community?

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14. How do your relationships with others affect your ability to carry out Christ's mission?

15. Think about the Life Group you are sitting in now. How can your Life Group display the characteristics of Christ that others would see and know you are His disciples?

16. We are brought together in community as His disciples for a purpose. How and where can your Life Group serve together?

17. Identify an area in your life where you have disconnected from others. Choose one person from your Life Group who will pray with you as you ask God to change this in your life, **and hold you accountable.**

## Look Up

*Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving:*

- *That you are made whole in Christ*
- *That you were created for community*
- *That the body of Christ is interconnected and interdependent and YOU are part of it as a Christian woman.*

*Pray:*

- *For Jen as we start a new series in 1 Timothy*
- *For God to help you embody the character of Christ so you that He would be glorified through your relationships with others.*
- *As you enter a discipleship relationship within your Life Group that there would be receptiveness, commitment and intentionality to the journey Christ calls us to*