

Session 1.4: Grow Deep Roots

Read Acts 17:26 & 27

God intentionally surrounds people seeking him with people who know Him. We become His way of interacting with others, and giving life to lonely, hurting people.

There are so many ways to connect with people today, yet they are not fully meeting the need.

- Why not? Why is the social media trend so popular and entrenched in our society, even though it lacks what people really need?

Authentic Community. The kind of group, club, gang that goes deep. That's what people need, and it's what we can offer. Together we grow deep roots through deep relationships.

Sometimes this is like Acts 2, and sometimes it's through dry and difficult times.

Talk together about the best times you've had in groups and communities before, and also talk about the not-so-good times.

- What did you learn? What made the good times so good?
- Where did things go wrong in the bad times? What do you want to avoid?

Brainstorm the characteristics of a small, close community with deep roots.

- What does it take?
- Of the characteristics you've identified, which ones would have the most impact?

