

## Home Group Notes – Week 17/07/2016

### Community – Common Unity

#### **Overall Concept**

-The Grand Narrative: Creation of Community, Destruction of Community, God's redemptive plan for Community, New Community in Jesus, Community set fully right

-God created everything to reflect Him, especially humans who were made in His image

-Humans were to be an expression of God's Community on Earth, but we destroyed it

-In Jesus, God restored the original plan, for humans to lovingly rule through loving Communities

In Jesus, we have a Common Unity, we are United in Christ, we are a Community

-We are the Community of God, so we get to display God's Community and His plans for His Community, in the true Hope of the full Redemption of this world and Community

-Our job as the Church is to be this renewed Community of God, and to see all people come in to be a part of this Community

#### **Some Bible References**

-Genesis 1:26-28; 2:24; Deuteronomy 6:4

-Genesis 3-11 :(

-Genesis 12:1-3 :)

-1 Corinthians 3:9, 16; 12:13; Ephesians 1:9-10; 2:11-22; 1 Peter 2:9

-Revelation 21-22 (the New Jerusalem is the Bride of Christ)

#### **Study Questions**

-What does it tell us about God's character that He made us to reflect Himself?

-God's redemptive plan includes a renewal of the whole world. Is this new to you?

-Do you believe it is God's plan to grow His Communities? Do you want it?

-In what ways does our church community reflect God's relational character?

-What difference does it make realising that we ARE connected, joined, bound together?

-What is most needed in a church community to be true community?

- What role does forgiveness play in Community?