

## **BREAKING THE ICE**

- -What is one movie or show that reminds you of fall?
- -What is the dish you must have for Thanksgiving dinner?

## MAIN CONTENT

This week, Pastor Kevin Myers brought us into the third week of our Crafted series! He described community as God's kind hammer and chisel to sanctify us. God uses others to help us on the road to sanctification. We were built for community to help us become more like Jesus! Community is a beautiful way the Lord brings us closer to Him and the people around us!

- 1. Who are some people the Lord has placed in your life to bring you closer to Christ?
- 2. Why is community necessary for our walk with Jesus?

Pastor Kevin then used a baseball diamond to show the value of community and why the Lord sees it as important. These reasons included: getting on purpose with God, getting serious about sin, getting past yourself and getting better than you are! Pastor Kevin showed us these as bases on a baseball field because this is a process. It takes effort to choose a community to work toward sanctification.

- 3. Which of these "bases" do you think having community is the most vital?
- 4. Which of these is the hardest for you to work toward?

Ephesians 4:15 says, "Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ."

Being in community is a gift, but it can also be difficult because we are all flawed, sinful humans. We are on a journey where others are bringing us closer to Jesus, and we are working to encourage others in their walk with Christ. We have to remember who (Our Savior, Jesus) we are bringing them closer to and our heart behind why. We have to remember to speak the truth in love to our neighbors!

- 5. How do we speak the truth in love to others?
- 6. How have you been blessed by a group or a similar ministry in the past?

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, thank you for community. Thank you for creating us all with different gifts and talents. Help us to love and encourage one another. As we walk this road toward sanctification, help us humble ourselves to accept advice and help from You. Be with us all as we enter into another week. Amen.

## **ACTION STEP**

- -Ask the Lord to reveal to you how you can work toward sanctification this week through community.
- -Intentionally seek out wise counsel you trust this week to help you along in this process.
- -Baptism Sunday is next Sunday, October 29. If anyone in your group is interested in taking that next faith step: crosspoint.tv/baptism