

SERIES SCHEDULE

Date	Key Scripture	Keys to Community
June 28-29	John 15:5	Devote Daily
July 5-6	Romans 12:9-10	Pursue Relationally
July 12-13	2 Timothy 3:16-17	Counsel Biblically
July 19-20	James 5:16	Live Authentically
July 26-27	Colossians 3:16	Admonish Faithfully
August 2-3	Matthew 28:19-20	Engage Missionally
August 9-10		Putting it All Together

TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP IN COMMUNITY

Authentic living happens best in relationship—and we want to help you take your next step.

Whether you're looking for a group, ready to start one, or hoping to strengthen the one you're already part of, we've created simple ways to get connected.

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July 19 & 20, 2025 | Live Authentically | James 5:16 | Mike Smith

THE INVITATION

*1 John 1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while **we walk in darkness**, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if **we walk in the light**, as he is in the light, we have **fellowship with one another**, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If **we confess our sins**, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

1. HABITUALLY LIVE (περιπατέω) in the light.
2. Turn the LIGHT on.

You can't kill sin with half measures.

ASK YOURSELF:

- What would it look like if everyone saw the real you, flaws and all?

THE CULTIVATION

Proverbs 18:1 Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment.

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way that seems right to man, but its end is the way to death.

1. Resist ISOLATION.

*James 5:16 Therefore, confess your sins **to one another** and pray for **one another**, that you may be healed.*

2. Share your STRUGGLES.

- Start SMALL, but don't stay there.
- Share in the MOMENT, not as an after-action report.
- Go FIRST.

*Ephesians 4:31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be **kind** to one another, **tenderhearted**, **forgiving one another**, as God in Christ **forgave you**.*

3. Be KIND and COMPASSIONATE.

- It takes COURAGE to confess.
- PRAY for each other.

Living authentically is one of the primary means by which we are fully known, to walk in truth before God and others.

ASK YOURSELF:

- Am I someone with whom others can safely be authentic?

THE PRESERVATION

- Find your PEOPLE.
- Start with your SPOUSE.
- Dare to HOPE for healing and reconciliation.

If I am going to be like Christ, every area of my life is open to scrutiny.

ASK YOURSELF:

- What is one specific step I'm going to take this week to live authentically?

SOME RESOURCES FOR LIVING AUTHENTICALLY

1. Connect in Community



[Community](#)

2. Invest in your marriage through re|engage



[re|engage](#)

3. Explore re:generation



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