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for

community.

We came from Love, for Love, to Love. We learn and practice being our true selves in community! God is Love. You and I are created in God's image and likeness. To be loving and kind is our truest nature when we are most like God. We all are a part of community and this is where we get to learn and practice loving others. Remember we love because God first loved us! In Corinthians, Paul describes what biblical love is Love and how we can learn from Christ to be loving towards all kinds of people God has placed in our community.

Colossians 1:16

Everything was created through him and for him.

Romans 11:36

For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory.

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing. Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

Ephesians 4: 2-3

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What has been your most pleasant experience in Community?
2. Community means “common”-“unity.” What do you think and/or feel unify the community at The Collective?
3. Paul says, if we have faith to move mountains and give everything, we own away it would mean nothing if we don't love others. What does this mean to you and how can it be applied to the context of serving your community?
4. Reread Ephesians 4: 2-3. Often times we run into situations that bring friction into the relationships around us. Why is it so important to be “united” in the Spirit as you work out all these frictions in your community?
5. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Is there a relationship you are struggling with in your life right now? How can your Connect Group support you and pray with you in this season?