

Central to Community!

Feb.28—Mar.6

OPEN in prayer

REFLECT

- What do we mean when we talk about small groups?
(As a group create your own definition or description of what a small group is.)

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship defines a small group this way:

A transformational community that studies the Bible, prays and participates in God's mission together for the purposes of God's transforming work.

Romans chapter 12 also teaches us about the importance of community (small group life). Let's learn about what is CENTRAL TO COMMUNITY from God's Word.

READ & DISCUSS Romans 12:1-16

Notice verse 9: **Love must be sincere...**

AUTHENTICITY

- *Why is this verse important to your small group?*
- *How can your group better reflect and experience this verse?*

Notice verse 10: **Be devoted to one another...**

COMMITMENT

Eugene Peterson in the *Message* translation puts it this way: "Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle."

- *Why is this verse important to your small group?*
- *How can your group better reflect and experience this verse?*

Notice verse 11: **...Keep your spiritual fervor**

SPIRITUALITY

- *Why is this verse important to your small group?*
- *How can your group better reflect and experience this verse?*

Notice verse 12: **...Faithful in Prayer**

PRAYER

- *Why is this verse important to your small group?*
- *How can your group better reflect and experience this verse?*

Notice verse 13: **Share with God's people... practice hospitality**

HOSPITALITY

- *Why is this verse important to your small group?*
- *How can your group better reflect and experience this verse?*

Notice verses 14-16: **Live in harmony with one another...**

UNITY

Verse 16 ends with, "Don't be conceited." the *Message* reads, "Don't be the great somebody."

- *Why is this verse important to your small group?*
- *How can your group better reflect and experience this verse?*

- *From the list above, what is your group best at? What is your group weakest at?*

CLOSE in prayer