

**Focus:** The next 6 weeks we are looking at the church and how they valued the art of one another. Did you know the words “one another” are used 59 times in the New Testament? “*Love one another.*” “*Forgive one another.*” “*Regard one another as more important than yourselves.*” And the list goes on . . . . Seems like God has a grand design for transforming lives through the power of community that “one anothers” each other well. This week, what we hope to discover is that church wasn’t designed to be solely experienced in rows, but to be in circles with one another.

1. Reflect back in your life and share a snapshot of a time when you did life with others in a manner where you felt accepted, challenged, and deeply satisfied.
2. Read Matthew 16:15-18. When Jesus introduced the church (*def. ecclesia: A called out congregation or community of people*), He wasn’t thinking about a place; He envisioned a people, a gathering of diverse people around the belief that Jesus is the chosen and sent one of God. Most people don’t think of church this way. How do you characterize the church? How can the confusion about the church being place vs. a people hinder us from one another in our faith community and out in the world?
3. Read John 13:31-35. What is this passage saying about how to one another and what the ultimate outcome will be? Do you really believe this is possible? Why or why not?
4. Gary stated in his message, “*The primary activity of the church was to one another one another!*” How have you seen this play out or not? And for this to happen more in your life what would have to change?
5. Google “one anothers in the Bible.” Then click on one of the sites and read through the 59 one anothers. Pick the top 3 that matter to you most. Discuss or journal why this is so.

**Call to Action:**

- a. Get in a group ([wearepcc.com/adults/small-groups/](http://wearepcc.com/adults/small-groups/)) to be the church
- b. Determine who and how you will one another