

"Real People"
The Vineyard Church of Conroe
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Sermon Outline Notes

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10

Jesus Fills Up REAL PEOPLE FOR REAL COMMUNITY

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! Psalm 133:1

I. Colossians 4:7-9

⁷ Tychicus will tell you all the news about me. He is a dear brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. ⁸ I am sending him to you for the express purpose that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts. ⁹ He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here.

Real Community <u>ENTRUSTS ITS VISION & REPUTATION TO ITS LEADERS</u>

You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹ And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Luke 22:28-30

II. Colossians 4:10-14

¹⁰ My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.) ¹¹ Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings. These are the only Jews among my co-workers for the kingdom of God, and they have proved a comfort to me. ¹² Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. ¹³ I

vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis. ¹⁴ Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings.

Real Community IS MADE UP OF THOSE...

- A. WHO ARE IN THE SAME SITUATION
- B. WITH A CHECKERED PAST
- C. WITH DIFFERENT THEOLOGY
- D. WHO PROVOKE OUR ENVY
- E. WHO ARE "BIG-TIMIN""
- F. WHO HAVE BETRAYED US

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35

III. Colossians 4:15-17

¹⁵ Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. ¹⁶ After this letter has been read to you, see that it is also read in the church of the Laodiceans and that you in turn read the letter from Laodicea. ¹⁷ Tell Archippus: "See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord."

Real Community <u>RECOGNIZES & ENCOURAGES THE ONE</u> <u>WHO SERVES "IN THE SHADOWS"</u>

The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Matthew 23:11-12

IV. Colossians 4:18

¹⁸ I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

Real Community <u>INVITES US TO BE KNOWN</u>

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. John 15:15