

# AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY

*The CODE, Week Four*

1. Jesus First
2. Messy Ministry
3. Purpose Driven

## 4. AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY

**We keep it real, fight against fake, and carry each other's burdens with love and grace. We commit to each other.**

### Authenticity vs. Transparency

- Authenticity is about sharing the **truth** about who you are.
- Transparency is about **how much truth** you share.
- You should be **authentic with everyone**.
- You should be **transparent with people you trust**.

### Luke 18:9-14 NIV

[9] To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: [10] "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. [11] The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people---robbers, evildoers, adulterers---or even like this tax collector. [12] I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

[13] "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' [14] "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Would You Rather...

## Have people like you, superficially, because you've learned to fake it?

This is the most stressful way to live. The gap between who you really are and who you are pretending to be is the greatest determining factor of whether you're headed for burnout or not. You can't keep up the charade forever.

## Walk in the confidence that God likes you just the way he made you?

### Genesis 1:31 NRSV

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

### Psalms 139:14 NRSV

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Here's how to do that...

### 1. Believe that God is merciful.

### 2. Own your sin and brokenness.

*This is who I am...*

*This is how I've messed up...*

*This is where I'm broken...*

### 3. Allow God to make you whole.

Are you whole today?

Are you who God made you to be, freely?