## November 12, 2023 - Shepherding

Please read this summation of:

Creating Community - 5 Keys to Building a Small Group Culture, Chapter 1 - A Culture Craving Relationship

- Many years ago homes were constructed with front porches, so when people took evening walks or afternoon drives, it was commonplace to "run into" your neighbors sitting on their porch. This lead to conversations and eventually relationships. Homes are built today with back porches and privacy in mind.
- George Gallup says that "Americans are among the loneliest people in the world." Most of us are around a lot of people, work with a lot of people and live around a lot of people. Suburbs are full of people. Having access to a lot of people isn't the issue.
- In the midst of tons of people, we are a culture that craves relationship. Yet, many people just don't know how to go about it, or are too intimidated to try.

## Questions to ponder:

- 1. Why do people crave community?
- 2. What are you as group leader doing about this?
- 3. How can your group learn to be more invitational?

## Listen:

Small Group Podcast | Full Circle | Week 1 <a href="https://youtu.be/U5YixgtOoAw?feature=shared">https://youtu.be/U5YixgtOoAw?feature=shared</a> 12:30 minutes

## Question to ponder:

- 1. How have you invited people into your story?
- 2. How can you create a culture of invest (in others) and invite (to church and group)?
- 3. Who would you plan to target for this invest and invite effort?