


CORE VALUES ~ Week 3 ~ Authentic Community

Then God said, "Let US make humankind in OUR image, after OUR likeness..." ~ Genesis 1:26a

~ TWO HOLES OR MISSING PIECES OF OUR SOULS ~
1) A God-Shaped Hole

I am not praying only on their behalf, but also on behalf of those who believe in Me through their testimony, that they will all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me and I am in You. I pray that they will be in Us, so that the world will believe that You sent Me. The glory You gave to Me I have given to them, that they may be one just as We are one – I in them and You in Me – that they may be completely one, so that the world will know that You sent Me, and You have loved them just as You have loved Me." ~ John 17:20-23

2) A Human Community-Shaped Hole

The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a companion for him who corresponds to him." ~ Genesis 2:18

I give you a new commandment – to love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. Everyone will know by this that you are my disciples – if you have love for one another. ~ John 13:34-35

Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who labor among you and preside over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them most highly in love because of their work. ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13a

Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers and sisters, admonish the undisciplined, comfort the discouraged, help the weak, be patient toward all. See that no one pays back evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good for one another and for all. Always rejoice, constantly pray, in everything give thanks. For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not extinguish the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt. But examine all things; hold fast to what is good. Stay away from every form of evil. – 1 Thessalonians 5:13b-22

*Every day they continued to gather together by common consent in the temple courts, breaking bread from house to house, sharing their food with glad and humble hearts, praising God and having the good will of all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number every day those who were being saved.
~ Acts 2:46-47*

**God loves us right where we are but
He loves us too much to leave us there.**

Now may the God of peace Himself make you completely holy and may your spirit and soul and body be kept entirely blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is trustworthy, and He will in fact do this. Brothers and sisters, pray for us too. Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. I call on you solemnly in the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers and sisters. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28

God has blended together the body, giving greater honor to the lesser member, so that there may be no division in the body, but the members may have mutual concern for one another. If one member suffers, everyone suffers with it. If a member is honored, all rejoice with it. Now you are Christ’s body, and each of you is a member of it. ~ 1 Corinthians 12:24b-27

~ A FEW QUESTIONS ~

- 1) Will you participate in an Aloha Group for seven weeks?**
- 2) Are you willing to host an Aloha Group in your home?**
- 3) Are you willing to be the facilitator of an Aloha Group?**
- 4) What is the best day and time for you to make this seven-week commitment?**