

Week #3 - October 2nd/3rd

- Introduction Watch this short Introduction video from Pastor Tim.

 https://vimeo.com/619440809
- 2. Icebreaker question Share a favorite memory that you have with each other. Why does that memory stand out?
- 3. Read this quote as a group
 - a. "We are living in an isolation that would have been unimaginable to our ancestors, and yet we have never been more accessible. Over the past three decades, technology has delivered to us a world in which we need not be out of contact for a fraction of a moment. In 2010, at a cost of \$300 million, 800 miles of fiber-optic cable was laid between the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange to shave three milliseconds off trading times. Yet within this world of instant and absolute communication, unbounded by limits of time or space, we suffer from unprecedented alienation. We have never been more detached from one another, or lonelier." Stephen Marche, *The Atlantic*
 - b. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
- 4. What do you think are key underlying factors that have contributed to detachment from one another and loneliness in our culture?
- 5. Read 1st Peter 4:7-11 together
 - a. What does this passage show us about the value of relationships and friendships?
 - b. What does it mean that "love covers a multitude of sins"?

- 6. What is it about this life group that makes you feel welcomed (that you belong)?
- 7. Read Philippians 2:3-4 together
 - a. In this coming week, what is one specific thing you could do for someone else in "looking out for the interests of others"?
- 8. If you have extra time discuss this optional question
 - a. In 'Faith for Exiles', Kinnaman writes, "We've all been disillusioned or hurt by someone. Getting past it, and even growing through it, involves talking it through, coming to a broader perspective, and agreeing on a way forward. The process of listening and redirecting the bitterness to more productive outcomes is an important way for resilience to grow".
 - i. Share about a time you were disillusioned by someone or something and how you were able to move past that.
- 9. Prayer time
 - a. Share prayer requests for 5-7 minutes and then pray together as a group for 20 minutes.