



The Church is the **community** God uses to accomplish His purposes in our world. As the Church we should worship God, nurture each other, and make God known to those who are without His redeeming love.

Where are you in this picture? Do you feel like one of these ladies today? What's the backstory? Do you find yourself judging them?

**The Church community is not perfect but it works and moves humbly forward when we are:**

**Accepting of ourselves and others.** Not because we understand or approve but because God accepts us. **Is there someone you need to accept?**

**Forgiving.** We all hurt each other. Even Jesus was hurt and rejected. We forgive because He forgives. **Is there someone you need to forgive?**

**Authentic.** We continue to act on what we think God is teaching us, and who He wants us to be. We don't pretend we have it all together. **What keeps you from being your real self?**

**Aware that disappointment is a fact of life.** We will be disappointed by others and they will be disappointed by us. **Is there a disappointment you need to release?**

**Loving.** Love is given and received freely, but it's not a push-over. Love says stop sinning without condemnation. **Do you allow yourself to love and be loved?**

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