

The Story of God and Us - Community

Read Genesis 32-33 & the section on Community in Henri Nouwen's "From Solitude To Community to Ministry (pg3-5)

1. What is community to you? What isn't community?
2. Have you felt you were not able to be authentic in community? Describe that experience.
3. Do you think it is important to be authentic in community?
4. What happens when we are authentic in community? Name some positive and some negative things.
5. Why is forgiveness important in community? What does Nouwen describe forgiveness as? Have you experienced being disappointed by people in community? Have you disappointed people in community?
6. What do you think about Jacob and Esau's meeting? How could it be better?
7. How do you think we can grow as community in the larger story of God and Us?