

LEADER AS PATIENT-Part 2

How God uses community building to heal us

Mark 8:34-38, 10:28-31, and 10:41-45 (NIV)

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1.	What does	each passage	have in	common

2. What motives does each passage address?

3. Fill out the chart together:

The Sacrifice	The Reward
Mark 8:34-38:	
Mark 10:28-31:	
Mark 10:41-25:	

4. What desires/wants/needs usually hold you back from investing deeply in your community? How might those things actually be found by following the path of Jesus?

5. Which scene and invitation from Mark most strongly appeals to you?



Putting It Into Practice

Chose 1-2 of the following stories to discuss as a group:

- How do you see examples of the two mindsets we studied today in each person?
- How might God use the opportunity in each story to heal the person doing the community building?
- In each case, what is the desire or need that God is meeting through that person's service? What does that say about God?

Jay is nervous about leading a small group at Fall Retreat. He isn't sure he'll be able to get as much out of the retreat if he's leading. He remembers when he went to Fall Retreat as a freshman his group was awkward and so he is anxious about being responsible for the new students in his small group. But despite his fears, Jay's small group has an incredible weekend together and Jay can clearly see how God was at work in their lives.

Sarah has been struggling to make friends her first semester at school, even in her InterVarsity chapter. She is glad to be invited to the chapter Super Bowl Party but decides not to attend. She doesn't really like football and so doesn't think she'll have much fun. Plus, she is really stressed out about her test on Monday afternoon and wants to study.

Joel loves coming to Core Group every week because he appreciates the space to pray, reflect, and catch up with friends that he doesn't see often because of his busy schedule. Since it's his only time with his Christian community during the week, he usually tries to sit with his friends so he can reconnect with them and process with people he already feels comfortable with.

Mary, a Bible study leader in the chapter, realizes that she learns more preparing for Bible study than the rest of the students do from the discussion. She has been feeling guilty because she gets more out of the experience than they do, though her intention was to serve. She wonders if she should even continue being a leader.

Application Questions

1.	What is one way God is	expanding your	perspective on	building (Christian co	mmunity this	week?

2. Where have you had a 'job description' mindset about community? What is one concrete step you can take towards change?

3. What deep need do you feel like is going unmet in your life? How might God want to meet that need through your Christian community?