Big Rocks – Authentic Community
Weekend Discussion Questions
May 10-11, 2014

Community:

1. Share a story of when either you as a child or when your kids had a hard time sharing something.

2. Why do you think kids, especially younger ones, have a hard time sharing?

Core:

1. We're in the middle of our annual series where we walk through flatirons' six values. The last two weeks we talked about Biblical Authority and Relational Intimacy. How would you define both of those values?

2. This week we are talking about Authentic Community—what do you think is different between "community" and *"authentic* community"?

3. One of the ways we abbreviate Authentic Community at flatirons is by saying "me too"— how would you describe "me too" to a friend who wasn't familiar with flatirons?

4. We're looking at how the first century church put the different values into practice. Look at Acts 4:32-37 and describe how the early church practiced Authentic Community.

5. What do you think it meant for the church to be "one in heart and mind"?

6. The early church seems so perfect, but just a few verses later it gets real…and messy. Read through Acts 5:1-10, and answer a few questions:

    a. What would you have thought if that happened in your church?

    b. How does this story indicate the authenticity of the Bible?

    c. Why do you think Ananias & Sapphira lied about the amount of money they gave?

    d. What do you think God was trying to demonstrate to the people when Ananias and Sapphira died suddenly?

7. Why do you think our natural tendency is to try to show others that things are better than they actually are?

8. How does that detract from authentic community actually taking place?

Challenge:

1. Who do you have in your life that know the *real* you and have permission to speak into your life?

2. Is there anything you're holding back from them that you should probably share?

3. Make sure to remind everyone in your group about the Food Drive this weekend at flatirons. (flatironschurch.com/fooddrive)