

The Community We Nurture

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Implications

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- Is there humility, gentleness, patience and bearing with one another in love?



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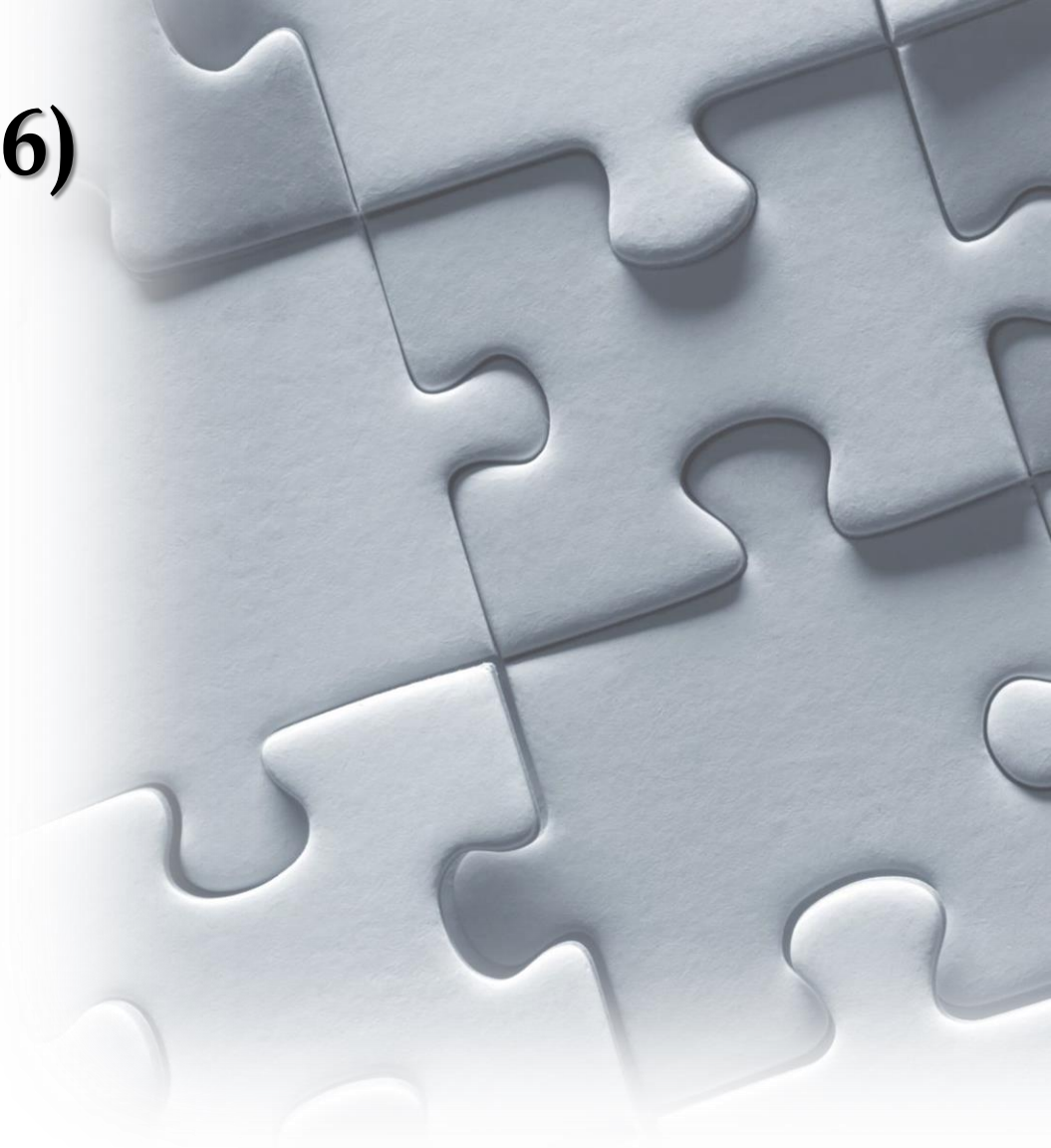
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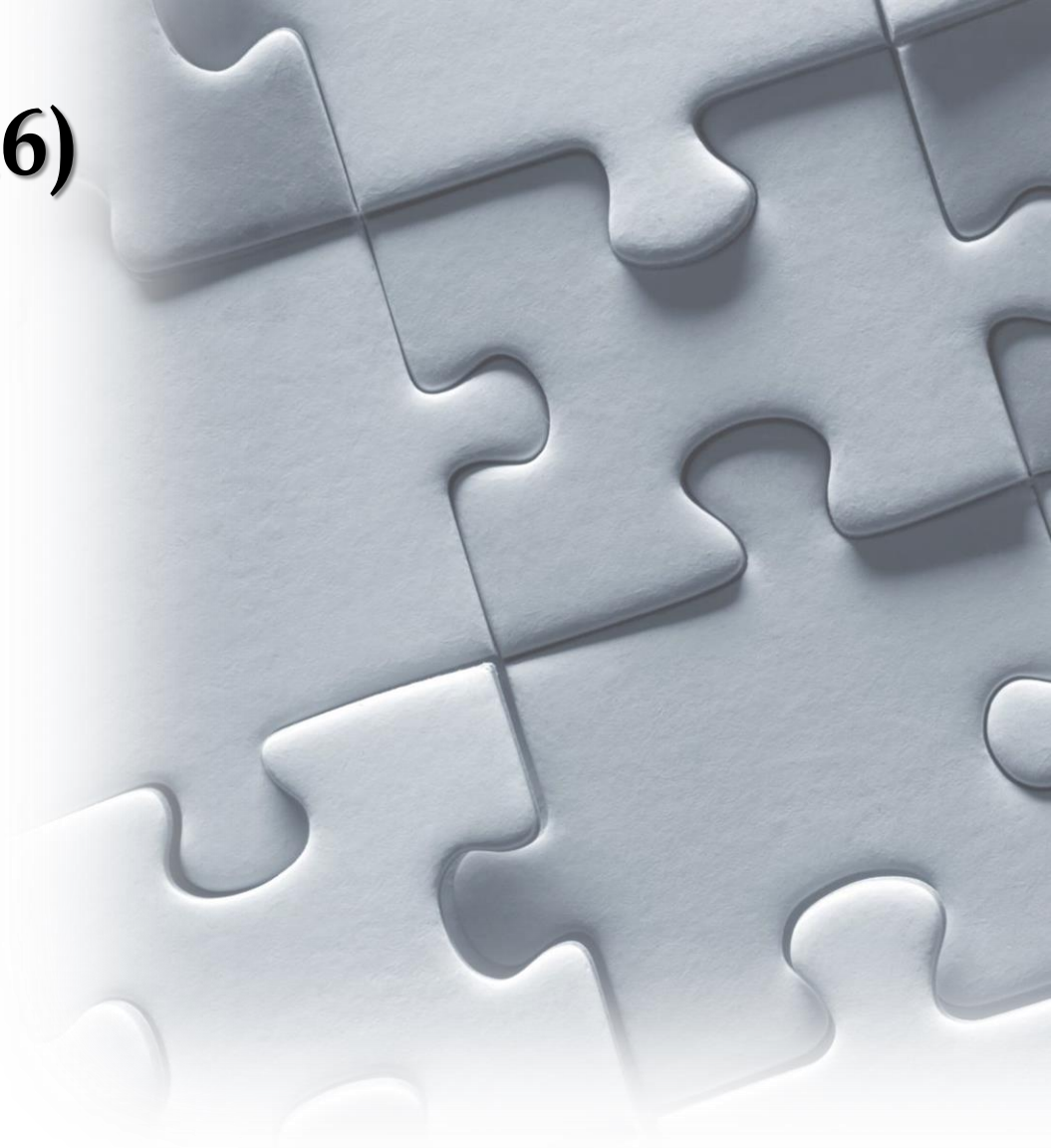


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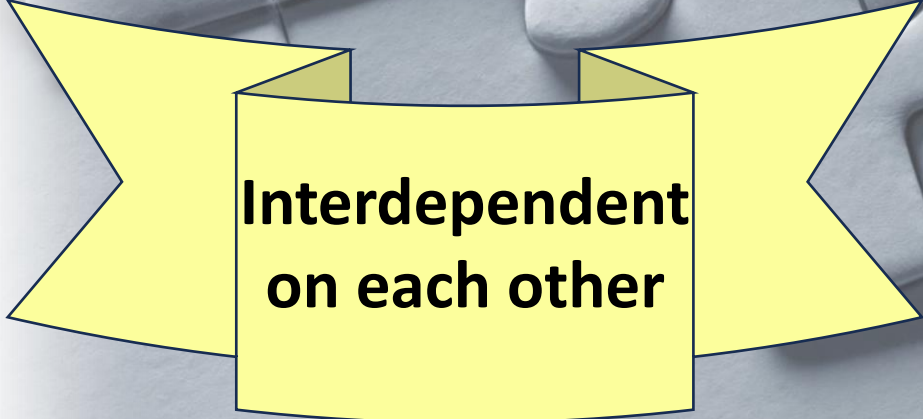
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**Speak truth
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**Interdependent
on each other**

Implications

- Do we serve to grow in maturity?
- Do we exhibit evidence of maturity?
 1. Anchored in the faith?
 2. Speaking the truth in love?
 3. Interdependence in Christ?
- Staff serve or all serve?
- For self or for others? Missional CGs?

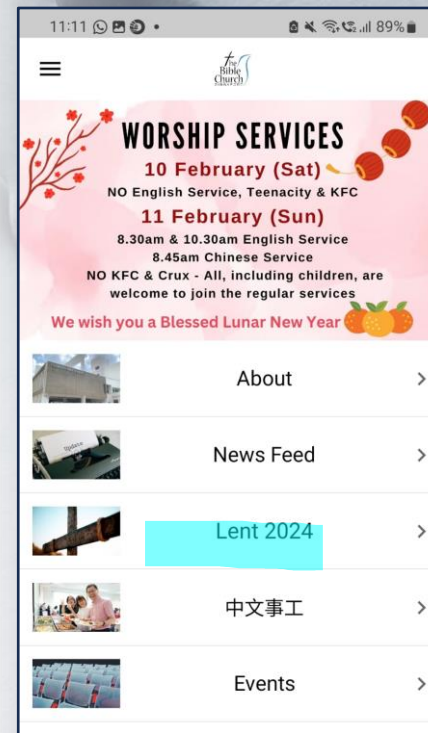


Implications

- Let's continue to nurture our community this Lent.
- Get equipped ... time and efforts
- Get serving... Gift? Ministry area?

<https://giftstest.com>

- Always fix your sight on Christ – fullness in Christ



COMMUNITY Guided

Journal

As one of our church focus areas this year is "community", we are also encouraging worshippers to use Lent as an opportunity to deepen relationships within community. To this end, we are providing a community guided journal for Lent which contains a weekly devotional thought, space to journal our reflections, and prayer pointers. We encourage you to find a prayer buddy or form a prayer group and pray together weekly during Lent.

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Week One