

Human - Being Community

Ros Clarke: Seminar 4

HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

This seminar is the final one in a series of four. You can watch the seminars on your own or with your church, small group, or friends. The questions/reflections below may help you discuss and work through how to apply what you've learnt to your own life. Start the video and then pause it when suggested to look at the question(s).

WATCH THE VIDEO:

[Seminar 4:
https://tinyurl.com/5ynnuvt8](https://tinyurl.com/5ynnuvt8)



To watch the video, scan the QR code or go to [@KeswickConvention on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/@KeswickConvention) and search for Ros Clarke

SEMINAR OUTLINE

God said it was 'not good' for Adam to be alone (Genesis 2:18). Human beings are created for community, saved to be in community and reconciled to God in order to be that one new community Jesus died for. One day we will be a perfect community in the new creation, in the meantime, how can the church live well as a community of sinners?

QUESTIONS

Watch the video and pause it at 18:40 minutes (<https://tinyurl.com/3yb3vwhu>).

1. What do the lives of Ruth, Rahab and Tamar teach us about the entry requirements of God's covenant community?
2. Look at Ephesians 2:11-22. On what basis are we reconciled with our enemies? Why is this important?
3. How does your church cultivate a sense of community? What are you doing that is working well?

Restart video at 20:22 minutes (<https://tinyurl.com/bp6r4r8r>) and watch until 41:09 minutes.

4. Imagine a visitor - someone from a different class, race or age than the majority of the congregation, perhaps someone with a disability - coming to your church. What would they find off-putting, do you think they would come again?

Restart video at 41:09 minutes (<https://tinyurl.com/32z3pkbn>) and watch until the end.

5. Why do we find it difficult to practice the Bible's 'one another's' in our churches? What attitudes and priorities get in the way?
6. Discuss together what it means for your church to: 'Be a church that reflects the community we are becoming in the new creation' (Ros Clarke).



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REFLECTION/PRAYER

- 'We have all absorbed attitudes and ideas that are exclusionary' (Ros Clarke). Talk with a trusted Christian friend about how this is true for you and any way it affects your participation in church life.
- As a group, pray through the 'one another's' mentioned in the seminar. Share prayer requests together and ask for God's help to live well as a community of sinners.
- Have a look on the Church Society website (www.churchsociety.org) and read the 'Class and the Church' blog posts by Kirsten Birkett.
- Start every day this week by meditating on Revelation 7:9-12. Let John's vision of a fully restored humanity praising God, fuel your worship and your efforts to reflect the community we are becoming in the new creation.

