

**Who am I in Christ? The Community of Saints  
Ephesians 4.14-21**

Introduction:

**I. The Significance of Community: the truth of God**

A. Community provides the a\_\_\_\_\_ to know God

B. Community provides the p\_\_\_\_\_ to know God

**II. The Source of Community: the love of God**

A. Love is an a\_\_\_\_\_ of my w\_\_\_\_\_

B. Love is the basis for our c\_\_\_\_\_

**III. The Spirit of Community: the fullness of God**

A. This fullness of God surpasses l\_\_\_\_\_

B. This fullness of God surpasses k\_\_\_\_\_

Conclusion:

**Questions for reflection or small group discussion**

- How did you respond to Pastor Thomas talking about the importance of the church community in his life?
- Has this been true for you? Why or why not?
- How would you evaluate your relationship with the saints?
- Make a list of people in your small group. Now identify something that is true about God that learned from each one?
- Why does it take a community of faith to know God?
- Why are committed, long-term relationships so vital to this?
- What does someone mean when they say "your God is too small"?
- Can you evaluate the "size" of God in your God-concept?
- Who do you need to "choose to love"?
- What is the difference between the use of the word "love" in our culture and its most common use in scripture?
- How does this difference hinder our "loving one another"?
- How is the knowledge of God beyond knowing?
- Does your knowledge of God have a mystical component? How so?
- Do you pray for our church? What are you most likely to pray about when you pray for our church?
- How does this passage inform your prayers for our church?
- Are you willing to pray Paul's prayer for our church each day this week?