

Small Group Leaders Plan
Session 3

Our DNA: Our Relationships

Before session	This would be a fantastic opportunity to share a meal, a dessert or to complete an act of kindness for each other.
Resources required	Large flipchart paper may be helpful.
Activity 1	<p>What does a loving church community look like?</p> <p>What does it look like when someone comes in to the church family for the first time?</p> <p>What does it look like when someone has been part of the church family for 6 months?</p> <p>What does it look like when someone has been part of the church family for 25 years?</p> <p>What does it look like when someone in the church family has an obvious need (e.g. financial need, bereavement, new baby, illness)?</p> <p>What does it look like when someone in the church family has a less obvious need (e.g. mental illness, spiritual struggles)?</p>
Response	Pray for your small group community and the relationships within your small group.
Main discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read John 4:7-16. Why do our relationships only work if we start with God's love? How should Christian relationships be different? Do Christian relationships actually look different to non-Christian relationships? 2. What's the difference between 'choosing each other' and 'just turning up?' When people look at our relationships, do they see love? 3. Read 1 Corinthians 12: 12-27. Do you think you play a part in the body of Christ? Spend some time affirming each other. If you don't feel that you are part of the 'body,' how can you become so? 4. "Leadership confers responsibility, not status or privilege." Why is this so counter-cultural? Have you experienced this before? How can we ensure that there is no hierarchy in the church? 5. Read Ephesians 4:1-6. How can we disagree well, and still maintain unity? How can we foster unity and peace in our church and our small group?
Response	If we had a plaque in our houses to describe our relationships, what would be on it?