



### Go Deeper Study Guide

## Hesed: Community That Transforms

### Various Scriptures

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### Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group.

If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: [www.cbcventura.org](http://www.cbcventura.org); [Twitch](#) or [YouTube](#) (cbcventura)

### Going Deeper

What are some of the ways that the Old Testament word *hesed* is translated in our English Bibles? How about the New Testament word *agape*? What insights can we draw from this?

What is relational attachment? How does it play a key part in character formation? In our spiritual maturity?

Why is *hesed/agape* essential in Christian community? What are the signs of a church that has *hesed/agape*? What are the indicators that signal that a church lacks these qualities?

What 3 things constitute the *work* of *hesed/agape* community? Explain each and its importance. Can you think of verses/passages that illustrate/support this?

Enlightenment thinking has shaped the Church into believing that...

**Transformation** = truth + good choices + power

What key ingredient is missing in this formula? Explain why this is critical for lasting spiritual formation.

What is the fruit of *hesed/agape* community? Describe how each happens.

How does God use *hesed/agape* community to shape us/transform us? How has this been true in your life?

### Application

Action step options this week:

[Plug into a small group](#)/[find an accountability partner](#)/[ask someone to disciple you](#)

### Prayer

How can your group pray for you?