A Culture of God and Others

God desires his people to be a <u>culture</u> where He and other people are the <u>focus</u> and not ourselves.

We want to be a part of a church culture that promotes, encourages and supports life change in Jesus Christ.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Matthew 22:37-38

The character and culture of a church is <u>determined</u> by the character and culture of the people who attend when they aren't even at church.

- 23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, Hebrews 10:23-24
- 32 So be careful to do what the Lord your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left. 33 Walk in obedience to all that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess. Deuteronomy 5:32-33
 - 1. Collectively, do we hold <u>unswervingly</u> to the hope that we profess?

Whatever you believe will make you happy you will pursue with intense and unswerving devotion.

2. Are we as a group of people more concerned with the direction of others or with our own individual direction?

Have you ever thought that you might be called to be a part of a church to be an <u>encouragement</u> to other people?

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35-35

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

We are going to need to be willing to get a little <u>relationally messy</u>.