## Kingdom Family Communities

You see, before anything came into existence, in heaven there was God: a family of persons – a Father, a Son, and their very breath – the Spirit. All there, united in unbreakable bonds of love, each lifting the other up in humble grace – and leaning outwards to earth – to us with an open armed embrace.

You see, family comes straight from the heart of God, from whom every family on earth derives it's identity.

And when the presence of God is invited into any human heart or into any community – it grows and forms the same unbreakable bonds of love, and we become One: One family.

Kingdom Family communities embody love in relationships: They are like being extended family with one another, where we break off individualism and isolation through the Father's love putting on flesh and bones.

Kingdom Family communities are gathered around the presence of God, encountering Him together and living it out as one. The worship, eat together, minister like Jesus, grow in His truth, and are rooted in love. They are safe and inspiring environments to practice and grow in doing what Jesus did, and living like Jesus lived – healing the sick, hearing God's voice, releasing the Holy Spirit's power. New friends are included and adopted all the time, needs are shared and owned by all, miracles flow and hearts are set free as God makes all things new.

Kingdom Family communities start as 15 people, some are multigenerational, some are flesh and blood family, some gather in similar ages and stages - all are brothers and sisters together. At 25 people it's time to birth a new Kingdom family community. So this is a place where we grow in leadership, we grow in maturity, and we grow in gifts.

What would it be like if we not only knew God's love, but we lived God's love? What would it be like if there was no one in need amongst us? What would it be like if the quality of our relationships really looked and felt like the same love Father, Son and Spirit share?

What if we learnt to love so well we longed to welcome the forgotten and the broken into this kind of extended family? What if family – for so many a source of pain – what if family could truly embody on earth what love looks like in heaven?

Kingdom Family Communities... living out on earth, the love of God as it exists in heaven

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