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Genesis 1:1-3a; 26a (ESV)

1 In the beginning, **God** created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the **Spirit** of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3a And **God** said...

26a Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."

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John 17:20, 21 (ESV)

20 I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent me.

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Lessons from Jesus and His Community for our Authentic Community

1. In authentic community people are devoted to each another.
2. In authentic community it is safe to get real with people.
3. In authentic community people speak truth to one another.

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4. In authentic community conflict leads to reconciliation and growth.
5. In authentic community there is a mission beyond itself.

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