



Leadership Training Class

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: COMMUNITY VS. COMMUNITAS

- 1) How strong of a sense of community do you believe exists in Chi Alpha at UYVM? What are some of the strengths and weaknesses of our community?
- 2) What initially drew you to the Chi Alpha community? What felt needs did the community meet for you?
- 3) How would you describe the primary mission of Chi Alpha at UVM? What is our purpose as a community? Write a brief mission statement. Be prepared to share what you wrote.

Read the excerpt from Exiles by Michael Frost.

- 4) Does anything from this reading immediately strike you or raise questions? Are there things you identify with or things you disagree with?
- 5) If you could summarize the author's main argument from this excerpt, what would it be? What is the difference between community and 'communitas,' according to Frost?
- 6) Imagine a scale from 1 to 10. 1 = community (as defined by Frost) and 10 = communitas (community defined by its mission). Where on the scale do you think Chi Alpha is?
- 7) If Chi Alpha were to be more shaped and energized by its mission, what would look different about what we do and how we do it? What needs to change? What do we need to start doing? Stop doing? What might you have to be willing to give up or let go of?