

Supplemental Scriptures

Genesis 2:18 The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Proverbs 18:24 One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Colossians 1:28 He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

Hebrews 10:23-25 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Romans 14:19 Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

Romans 15:4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

Ephesians 4:11-13 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 5:18-20 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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A New Community, Acts 2:42-47

Principle: In a wireless culture, you are hard-wired for _____.

Essential Functions of the New Community

1. Devotion to solid biblical _____ and genuine community

We teach robust _____ that is practically driven.

We meet regularly in big and small _____.

Our common unity begins with teaching that leads to _____ application.

2. Devotion to passionate worship and dependent _____

We worship together expecting to _____ God.

We pray together because we _____ on God.

Our corporate worship and prayer stimulates personal _____.

3. Devotion to growing in spiritual depth and numerical _____.

We _____ the Body for ministry.

We _____ the world to fulfill God's mission.

Our "with"ness will improve your _____.

My Next Steps

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Life Group Ice Breaker

1. What do you think keeps most people away from connecting with a local church? What makes it hard to invite new people to church?

Discussion Questions

2. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
3. We are hard-wired for community. Why do we resist it so much? Why do we tend to isolate? What role does social media/technology play in keeping people from God?
4. Doing life together can be messy. Read Acts 2:42-47 & Acts 8:1-3. As things progressed in the early church, how do you think this got messy? What did they do in response to cultural pressure and persecution? (Hint: keep reading Acts.)

5. How is Christian fellowship different than just hanging out? How does meeting together regularly strengthen our relationship with God and affect our well-being?

6. Read John 13:35. What kind of impact does our regular meeting together and unity (or lack of) have on our witness to the world?

Application Questions & Prayer

7. What have you been convicted about that you think needs to change in regard to your role in the church? What will you do?
8. On a scale of 1-10 (1=Poor, 10=Exceptional) how well are you doing in the following areas? Explain.
 - a. Connecting with God daily.
 - b. Participating in worship regularly.
 - c. Connecting intimately with believers.
 - d. Being on mission 24/7.