

Community: A Study of the "One Another's"



Part 1: You Need Community!

Today's Big Question: Are you REALLY connected to a missional community group?

Hebrews 10:19-25 (NKJV): ¹⁹ Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and having a High Priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

What does a thriving Christian look like?

1. A thriving Christian is _____ in _____ (v. 19-22).

4 reasons why we should have a bold prayer life:

- 1) Jesus personally paid the price of our sins.
- 2) Jesus tore down anything that hinders us from having a relationship with God.
- 3) Jesus opened a way to have instant access to God.
- 4) Jesus is presently praying for us as our High Priest.

4 reasons why we struggle to have an effective prayer life:

- 1) I don't have enough _____ -I'm too busy!
- 2) I don't know what to _____ -I don't know what to pray for.
- 3) I get _____ too easily—my mind seems to wander away when I pray.
- 4) I don't feel _____ to pray—every time I pray, I am reminded of some sin in my life.

2. A thriving Christian is steadfast in _____ (v. 23).

What are some promises that Jesus gave us?

- 1) L _____ -"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly" (John 10:10).
- 2) A _____ -"All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away" (John 6:37, NIV).
- 3) R _____ -"Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first" (Mark 10:29–31, NIV).
- 4) F _____ with God—"You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you" (John 15:14–15, NIV).
- 5) A Perfect & Permanent P _____ -"In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2).

3. A thriving Christian is creative in _____ up others in their _____ (v. 24, 25b).

4. A thriving Christian is faithful in _____ together for cooperate _____ (v. 25a).

Why do we struggle with getting connected in community?

- 1) Our priorities are out of order-not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together.
- 2) We replace holy habits with personal hobbies.
- 3) We have changed our focus from external to internal.
- 4) We have lost our sense of eternity and instead focus on the here and now.
- 5) We have been hurt in community and don't want to get hurt again.
- 6) We desire autonomy and community forces me to be interdependent upon others.

Sermon in a Sentence: You cannot be all that God wants you to be apart from community.

Action Steps:

- ✓ I want to sign up for a Life Group for the 40 Days of Community Challenge.
- ✓ I would like to lead or host a Life Group in my home for the 40 days.

Make a decision this week? Please let us know on your Connection Card.