

Why Community?  
Because We Belong to One Another

Life Is Never Found in the Individual Alone, But in Our Relationships with Others

- We derive our life from others

We Need to Know We Are Fully Known, Yet, Still Deeply Loved

- God demonstrates we are fully known and deeply loved through the gift of His Son
  - Jo 3:16; Ro 5:8-10
  - ...He knew we were "sinners" and were "enemies", yet He came to us in love
  - ...Christ's death changes our position
  - ...Christ's life changes our person

Union with Christ Is Union with Others - I Jo 1:1-3; I Co 12:12-27

- To belong to Christ is to belong to one another - Ro 12:4-5
- God has composed the Body of Christ as He wishes - Ro 18,24
  - ...Each of us matters
  - ...We are to treat one another accordingly

We Are Called to Honor One Another - Ro 12:10

- We value one another because of who we are - I Co 6:19
  - ...Each of us is non-disposable and irreplaceable
- We celebrate each other's functional roles - I Co 12:7-11; I Pet 4:10-11
  - ...Each of us is gifted by the Holy Spirit for the common good
- We build up one another - Ro 14:19
  - ...Each of us is to bring the best out of one another

We Are Called to Care for One Another - I Co 12:25

- We are to pay attention to one another
  - ...by looking with love, not just for love
  - ...by being part of a small group
  - ...by listening to one another - Prov 18:13; Ja 1:19
- We are to engage in sympathetic suffering and sympathetic rejoicing - I Co 12:26
  - ...by responding to the need of the moment - Eph 4:29