

More Than Followers

The Need for Community

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“Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ’s body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So, we belong to each other, and each needs all the others.”

Romans 12:4-5 (TLB)

The key to a successful life here is not _____; it is _____.

In a church family, we don’t just belong to Jesus, we belong to _____.

Why we need community:

1. I need others to _____.

Colossians 2:6 ^{ESV} – “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him”

Proverbs 28:26 ^{MSG} – “If you think you know it all, you’re a fool for sure; real survivors learn wisdom from others.”

Proverbs 11:14 ^{NLT} – “Without wise leadership, a nation falls; there is safety in having many advisers.”

Community is God’s answer to _____.

Psalms 68:6 ^{NLT} – “God places the lonely in families”

2. I need others to _____.

Ecclesiastes 4:9 ^{NCV} – “Two people are better than one, because they get more done by working together.”

Ephesians 2:10 ^{NCV} – “In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing.”

Community is God’s answer to _____.

Galatians 6:10 ^{MSG} – “Every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.”

3. I need others to _____.

Philippians 2:4 ^{NLT} – “Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.”

Hebrews 13:1 ^{CEV} – “Keep being concerned about each other as the Lord’s followers should.”

Ecclesiastes 4:12 ^{NLT} – “A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.”

Community is God’s answer to _____.

Ecclesiastes 4:10 ^{NLT} – “If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.”

4. I need others to _____.

1 Peter 3:8 ^{TLB} – “You should be like one big family, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds.”

Community is God’s answer to _____.

1 Corinthians 12:25-26 ^{MSG} – “The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part is dependent on every other part... If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing.”

Romans 12:15 ^{NLT} – “Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep.”

5. I need others to _____.

John 13:35 ^{NLT} – “Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

2 Timothy 1:7 ^{TLB} – “For the Holy Spirit, God’s gift, does not want you to be afraid of people, but to be wise and strong, and to love them and enjoy being with them.”

God’s answer to _____ is _____.

Philippians 1:27 ^{CEV} – “Above all else, you must live in a way that brings honor to the good news about Christ... you are working together, and you are struggling side by side to get others to believe the good news.”

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