



Leading People into a Growing Relationship with Jesus Christ!

Series: I Love My Church!

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Why does community matter? The Bible says we were created for community, we grow in community, we serve in community, and we heal in community.

Learn

We were created for community.

Pastor John said, "God is a Tri-Unity of divine entities existing, without beginning or end, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." In the following Scripture, we see the Father God, the Holy Spirit, and the "Word" of God who would later take on a human body and be known to us as Jesus, the Son of God:

Genesis 1:1 (NLT) "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."

God created human beings in His image, with community in mind:

Genesis 1:27 (NLT) "So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

Genesis 2:18a (NLT) "Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone.'"

Live

We heal in community.

James 5:16 (NLT) "Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results."

Do you have any hurt, habit, or hang-up that you would like to share?



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Love

We serve in community.

1 Corinthians 12:7 (NLT) "A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other."

What is your next step of service?

Continuing to serve as you are?

Identifying how you are wired so you can serve accordingly?

Volunteering for something new?

Share with your group what your next step is!

Lead

We grow in community.

Ephesians 4:15 (NLT) "Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church."

Romans 15:7 (NLT) "Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory."

How has Christ accepted you?

How does this affect how you reach out?

Pray!

THANK God for what He has done and is doing! ASK God for what you need!