

Finding Community

A. The danger of neglecting community

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."

- _____ breeds selfishness, poor health, loss of perspective, and fear of intimacy.

B. The necessity of community

I Thessalonians 4:3a

It is God's will that you should be sanctified

- We make strong _____ based on deep _____ and think that is all we need.

Is transformation optional for a believer?

Hebrews 3:12-13

See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

- Consistency comes when community is added to _____ and _____.
- Being in community is a _____.
- The good stuff is not found in the _____ but in _____.

Proverbs 13:20

He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.

- Jesus had _____ with the crowd, but he _____ in the few.

C. Understanding the ABC's of community

1. _____

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

- Keeping your spiritual life _____ will keep you blinded to your secret _____.
- The best way to avoid _____ - _____ is not to do life all by yourself.

Who have you given permission to come into your life?

2. _____

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

- The great thing about a team is that we each have a unique _____ and a shared _____.

Who is your team?

3. _____

Galatians 6:2

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

- We _____ and _____ ministry best in community.

Who are you close enough to spiritually that they can catch you when you slip?

It is not enough to have deep commitment or deep convictions, you need deep connections found in community.