

Circles & Rows

Part 3: Why We Need Each Other

“Since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others.”

Rom. 12:5b (NLT)

Today's Big Idea is that you cannot fulfill God's purposes for your life by yourself.

5 REASONS WE NEED CIRCLES?

1. I NEED OTHERS TO WALK WITH ME.

“Just as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him...”

Colossians 2:6-7 (ESV)

THREE REASONS WE SHOULDN'T WALK ALONE:

1. IT'S SAFER
2. IT'S SUPPORTIVE
3. IT'S SMARTER

“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together... Instead, let us encourage one another.”

Heb. 10:25a (TEV)

- **Community is God's answer to = Loneliness**

“When you gather, each one of you be prepared with something useful for all: Sing a hymn, teach a lesson, tell a story, lead a prayer, provide an insight... Take your turn, with no one person taking over. That way... you all learn from each other.”

1 Cor. 14:26, 30-31(Mes)

“As each part does its work, it helps the other parts grow, so Christ's whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”

Eph. 4:16 (NLT)

THE SECOND REASONS WE NEED TO BE IN A CIRCLE IS....

2. I NEED OTHERS TO WORK WITH ME.

“God made us to do good works, which He planned in advance for us to live our lives doing.”
Eph. 2:10 (NCV)

“Two people are better than one, because they get more done by working together.”
Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NCV)

- **Community is God's answer to: Fatigue**

“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.”
Gal. 6:10 (Mes)

3. I NEED OTHERS TO WATCH OUT FOR ME.

“Look out for one another's interests, not just for your own.”
Ph. 2:4 (TEV)

“Keep being concerned about each other as the Lord's followers should.”
Heb. 13:1 (CEV)

“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.”
Eccl. 4:12 (NLT)

- **Community is God's answer to: Defeat!**

“If one person falls, another can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble.”
Eccl. 4:10 (NLT)

4. I NEED OTHERS TO WAIT WITH ME AND WEEP WITH ME.

“You should be like one big family, full of sympathy toward each other...”

1 Peter 3:8a (LB)

"If one member suffers, all suffer together."

1 Cor. 12:26 (ESV)

- **Community is God's answer to: DESPAIR**

"Be happy with those who are happy, weep with those who weep."

Rom. 12:15 (TEV)

"Encourage each other and strengthen one another."

1 Th. 5:11 (GW)

5. I NEED OTHERS TO WITNESS WITH ME.

"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples."

John 13:35 (NLT)

"The Holy Spirit doesn't want you to be afraid of people, but to be wise and strong, and to love them and enjoy being with them."

2 Tim. 1:7 (LB)

- **God's answer to fear is COMMUNITY**

"...You are working together and struggling side by side to get others to believe the Good News."

Ph. 1:27b (CEV)