

TABLE TALK

ACCESS YOU BELONG

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MAIN FOCUS

Access to the Body of Christ, access to people, access to resources, access to help and access to strength.

THE BLESSING OF ACCESS

To the Body of Christ

1. Friendship
 - a. “Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!” (Psalm 133:1)
2. Mentorship
 - a. Having access to mentorship gives us a healthy path to grow in.
3. Discipleship
 - a. “Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.” (Proverbs 27:17)

To Resources

1. Home Bible Studies
 - a. “And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.” (Acts 5:42)
2. First Steps and True Steps
 - a. Getting involved in courses or groups within the church will grow your faith and sense of belonging.
3. Children’s Ministry and Youth Ministry
 - a. Arguably the most important members of the church are the young people. They are the future Body of Christ and we as parents/mentors/members of the body play a vital role in their lives.

To Help

1. "It takes a village"
 - a. Each member of the village plays a vital role to survival. Same with the church. We are all vital to one another!
2. Unified prayers
 - a. "Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven." (James 5:14-15)
3. Wise leadership and counseling
 - a. "Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed." (Proverbs 15:22)

To Strength

1. Strength in the Holy Ghost
 - a. "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16)
2. Strength in Community
 - a. "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ." (1 Corinthians 12:12)
3. Strength in Faith
 - a. "For we walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7)
4. Strength in the Truth
 - a. "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:7)

HOW TO STAY PLUGGED IN?

1. Accountability
 - a. Counting on others and being accountable to ministry or relationships can assure a greater sense of ownership and connection to the church.
2. Reliability

- a. Being reliable in a ministry can keep you engaged in the Body of Christ.

3. Belonging

- a. Investing yourself into the church body can offer a sense of belonging.