

TABLE TALK

COMMUNITY YOU BELONG

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MAIN FOCUS

“Now you are the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it” (1 Corinthians 12:27 NIV).

A church is a hospital for sinners, not a museum for saints. – Pauline Phillips

The Church is a COMMUNITY.

Community (noun): a unified body of individuals.

RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

Ways to grow your relationship with Jesus

1. Make knowing God your number one priority.
 - a. Becoming a friend of God requires spending QUALITY time in His word and in prayer.
 - b. What are ways you make Jesus your number one priority?
2. Slow down and listen.
 - a. Psalms 46:10 says “be still and know that I am God...”
 - b. Seeking after God’s will requires listening. The more we slow down and listen, the better we will be at recognizing the way He speaks to us.
 - c. What are ways we can be intentional about listening for His voice?
3. Maintain a constant dialogue with Jesus.
 - a. Friendship is built on sharing life experiences. Building a friendship with Jesus requires us making Jesus the center of our

life experiences, good and bad. Praising him at all times (Psalm 34:1).

b. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 instructs us to rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

c. What does a consistent dialogue look like in today's world?

4. Build a healthy relationship with each other!

RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS

Ways to strengthen the body of Christ

1. Attend worship services.

a. Ephesians 5:19 says that we need to "speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs".

b. Why do you believe worshipping together, as opposed to alone, strengthens the body and why is it important?

2. Pray for one another.

a. By praying we are allowing God to transform us and renew our minds. By praying we are aligning ourselves with the image of God rather than the image of man.

b. How important is it for the body of Christ to reflect the image of God rather than the image of man?

3. Speak life into others.

a. Paul teaches in Ephesians 4:29 that our words should be used to build each other up.

4. Serve your neighbor.

a. The love God has shown us we MUST show others. In doing so we change our community. God's love changed the world, what could our love do in our community?

b. What are ways your family has been intentional about serving others?

5. Love on another.

a. "But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8 ESV).

- b. “Love one another: just as I have loved you, you are to love one another” (John 13:34 ESV).

THERE’S A SMALL GROUP FOR THAT

Rather than being a friendly church, we are aiming to be a church of friends.

Consider signing up for one of our many small groups and get connected to this body of friends!