

11/10/19 Sermon Notes

Part of Begin the Journey

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Series: Begin the Journey

Message: Teamwork

Jesus designed the church to bring us together, because we were never designed to do life alone!

You were created for COMMUNITY!

It's not about butts in seats, it's about lives changed! It's about engagement. Passive observers are not engaged. You can be a passive observer anywhere on the face of the planet, but there's only one place you can be engaged and growing in the church family where God has planted you!

—Pastor Chad

Philippians 2:1-4 (NLT)

1 Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate?

2 Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.

4 Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

Verse 2 points out the key - "working together with one mind and purpose" - **ONE**

Why work as one, why work as a team?

- We're FAMILY
Ephesians 2:19 (NLT)

So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family.

- We need EACH OTHER
Romans 12:6 (NLT)
In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well...
- We get more DONE
Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NLT)
Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed.

What does it take to make a successful TEAM (at FCC)?

- T - Team members must have TRUST
1 Timothy 6:20 (NLT)
Timothy, guard what God has entrusted to you...

Here are three ways you can gain and maintain trust:

- Be CONSISTENT *Luke 16:10 NIV*
- Be CONFIDENTIAL *Proverbs 11:13 NIV*
- Be CLOSE *Proverbs 17:17 MSG*

- E - Team members must have EMPATHY
1 Peter 3:8 (NLT)
Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude.

Here are some tools that will help you empathize:

- Slow DOWN *James 1:19*
- Ask QUESTIONS *Proverbs 20:5*
- Show EMOTIONS *Romans 12:15*

- A - Team members must ACCOMMODATE
2 Timothy 2:22 (CEV)
...Be faithful, loving, and easy to get along with...

Here are some ways to accommodate each other:

- Accommodate each other's NEEDS *Romans 15:2 MSG*
- Accommodate each other's IDEAS *Proverbs 18:15 TLB*
- Accommodate each other's PERSONALITIES *Romans 12:6 GW*
- Accommodate each other's FAULTS *Ephesians 4:2 TLB*

- M - Team members must stay on MISSION
Philippians 2:2 (NLT)

Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

Look at the actions words in Philippians 2:2...

- Agreeing
- Loving
- Working Together

I've been challenging you to stop being seat warmers and start making a difference, jump in and pitch in, connect! It takes energy... it takes effort... but all things worthwhile in life do! And what could be more worthwhile than growing closer to your Creator and trying to take as many people to heaven with us as we can! That's the ultimate mission!

—Pastor Chad

Genesis 11:6 (NLT)

“Look!” he said. “The people are united, and they all speak the same language. After this, nothing they set out to do will be impossible for them!

God was essentially saying – when you have a committed team and you have a compelling purpose, and you have clear communication – we will be unstoppable!

That's a team I want to be a part of... what about you?