

# 10/06/19 Sermon Notes

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Part of Begin the Journey

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**Series: Begin the Journey**

**Message: Why Together (Part 2)**

In the first century church, gatherings were about RELATIONSHIPS not activities

*Romans 12:4-5 (NLT)*

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

## WHY TOGETHER?

YOU NEED OTHERS TO **WALK** WITH YOU

YOU NEED OTHERS TO **WORK** WITH YOU

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YOU NEED OTHERS TO ENCOURAGE YOU

*Hebrews 13:1 (NLT)*

Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters.

*1 Thessalonians 4:9 (NLT)*

But we don't need to write to you about the importance of loving each other, for God himself has taught you to love one another.

Unconditional love means you love others **IN SPITE OF** their choices or actions.

*Philippians 2:4 (NIV)*

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

- Community is God's answer to DEFEAT
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## YOU NEED OTHERS TO SUPPORT YOU

*1 Peter 3:8 (TLB)*

And now this word to all of you: You should be like one big happy family, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds.

- Community is God's answer to DESPAIR

*1 Corinthians 12:26 (ESV)*

If one member suffers, all suffer together...

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## YOU NEED OTHERS TO EMPOWER YOU

- Community is God's answer to FEAR

*John 13:35 (NLT)*

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

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*"Is anybody going to be in heaven because of you?"*

*—Rick Warren*