

# 10/13/19 Sermon Notes

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Part of Begin the Journey

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**Series: Begin the Journey**

**Message: Partnering for Success**

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

You were created for COMMUNITY!

- Partnership (defined) - a relationship usually involving close cooperation having specified and joint rights and responsibilities

Paul talked about partnerships in the Bible:

*Philippians 1:5 (NLT)*

...for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now.

*Philippians 1:27 (TLB)*

(as partners) ...you are standing side by side with one strong purpose—to tell the Good News

*Philippians 1:27 (GW)*

...I'll hear that you are firmly united in spirit, united in fighting for the faith that the Good News brings.

- Jesus ERASES our differences BINDS us with purpose!

Rick Warren came up with an acronym for PARTNER and it will answer the question relating to Journey Groups:

How can our group partner together to spread the Good News with others?

**P** - PRAY together

*Colossians 4:3 (NCV)*

Also pray for us that God will give us an opportunity to tell people His message...

- In our groups we need to pray for one another AND pray for an opportunity the next week to show someone the love of Jesus and share the Good News

**A - APPEAL to common interests**

*1 Corinthians 9:22-23 (NLT)*

22 When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some.

23 I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.

- Build relationships both as you grow the group AND as you minister to others through your group

**R - REACH out in love**

*1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NLT)*

We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too.

- We share because we care AND we share because we have the greatest news in the universe to share

**T - TELL your story**

*Psalms 66:16 (NLT)*

Come and listen... and I will tell you what He did for me.

- Always be prepared to share your story of what Jesus has done in your life

**N - NURTURE friendships**

*2 Timothy 1:7 (TLB)*

For the Holy Spirit, God's gift, does not want you to be afraid of people, but to be wise and strong, and to love them and enjoy being with them.

- Strengthen your group, build (and grow) your group

**E - EXPECT God to act**

*Mark 11:24 (NLT)*

I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours.

- When your groups meets and ministers, expect God to show up and show out

**R** - REPRESENT Christ with your life

*Colossians 3:17 (NLT)*

And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

- Read *Matthew 25:31-46*

We're building community at FCC; we're building Journey Groups to do life together - and we're building the kingdom of God in heaven! We want you at FCC with us, but more important we want you in heaven with us!