

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

Preparing for REIGNITE: Pre-Message 3

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CONNECTION SUNDAY!

“So we, numerous as we are, are one body in Christ and individually we are mutually dependent on one another.” (Romans 12:4–5, AMP)

1. WE ARE BETTER WHEN WE WORSHIP TOGETHER.

“[The believers] worshiped together...with great joy and generosity—all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:46–47, NLT)

What worship does

- Worship **FOCUSES** our perspective.
“But as for me, I almost lost my footing. My feet were slipping, and I was almost gone...Then I went into your sanctuary, O God, and I finally understood...” (Psalm 73:2,17, NLT)
- Worship **FEEDS** our mind with truth.
“Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you.” (Psalm 25:5, NLT)
- Worship **FILLS** our hearts with joy.
“I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”” (Psalm 122:1, NLT)

2. WE ARE BETTER WHEN WE FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER.

“All the believers continued together in close fellowship.” (Acts 2:44a, GNB)

Biblical fellowship:

Being as **COMMITTED** to each other as we are to Jesus Christ!

Levels of Fellowship

- We worship as a **CROWD**.
“Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.” (Mark 6:34, NLT)
- We minister as **CO-LABORERS**.
“Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body.” (Romans 12:4-5, NLT)

- We bond in **COMMUNITY**.
“Finally, all of you should be in agreement, understanding each other, loving each other as family, being kind and humble.” (1 Peter 3:8, NCV)

3. WE ARE BETTER WHEN WE GROW TOGETHER.

*“Under [Christ’s] direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly, and **each part in its own special way helps the other parts**, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.” (Ephesians 4:16, The Living Bible)*

How We Help Each Other Grow

- By **MEETING** together.
“They all met together and were constantly united in prayer...” (Acts 1:14, NLT)
- By **MOTIVATING** each other.
“So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:11, NLT)
- By **MODELING** maturity.
“...follow the example of those who receive all that God has promised them because of their strong faith and patience.” (Hebrews 6:12, The Living Bible)

4. WE ARE BETTER WHEN WE SERVE TOGETHER.

*“Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and **working together** with one mind and purpose.” (Philippians 2:2, NLT)*

How We Can Serve Each Other

- By opening our **HOMES**.
“Open your homes to each other, without complaining.” (1 Peter 4:9, NCV)
- By opening our **HEARTS**.
“Oh, dear Corinthian friends! We have spoken honestly with you, and our hearts are open to you.” (2 Corinthians 6:11, NLT)
- By offering our **HELP**.
“A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.” (1 Corinthians 12:7, NLT)

5. WE ARE BETTER WHEN WE PARTNER TOGETHER.

*“For we are **partners working together** for God...” (1 Corinthians 3:9, GNB)*

How We Can Reach Out Together

- By **INVITING** people regularly.
“Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did. Do you think he might be the Christ?” So the people left the town and went to see Jesus.” (John 4:29–30, NCV)
- By **CARING** externally.
“Then the apostles and the elders, together with the whole church, decided to choose some men from the group and send them to Antioch...” (Acts 15:22, GNB)
- By **GIVING** faithfully.
“So the believers in Antioch decided to send relief to the brothers and sisters in Judea, everyone giving as much as they could.” (Acts 11:29, NLT)

ACTION STEPS

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