

Who We Are

GOSPEL IDENTITY || GOSPEL COMMUNITY || GOSPEL MISSION



 Center City Church

Gospel Community

1 What is Gospel Community

2 What kills Gospel Community

3 What cultivates Gospel Community

What is Gospel Community

A radically diverse but unified family that shares a...

1. Savior

v17 “*And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.”*

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v13 “*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”*

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v16 “*and might
reconcile both to God
in one body through
the cross.”*

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1. Savior
2. Source

v18 *“For through him (Jesus) we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.”*

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3. Identity

v19 *“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.”*

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2. Source

3. Identity

4. Foundation

v20 “*Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone”*

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5. Purpose

v21 *“In whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.*

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v22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."

What kills Gospel Community

1. Idolatry
2. *Isolation*

What kills Gospel Community

“Many of us live in spiritual community, but are lacking spiritual breakthrough. This is because we don’t want to bring who we really are into that community. We want to live like we are all righteous and aren’t struggling. This causes us to conceal our sin from our community.

What kills Gospel Community

We even get uncomfortable when “an actual sinner” shows up in our community. This traps us. It causes us to be alone with our sin. Trapped in our lies and hypocrisy. For in fact we all still struggle with sin.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Paraphrased from “*Life Together*”)

What kills Gospel Community

1. Idolatry
2. Isolation
3. *Becoming Insular*

What cultivates Gospel Community

1. Center one another on Christ

Hebrews 10:24 “And let us consider one another, how to stir up one another to love and good works,”

What cultivates Gospel Community

1. Center one another on Christ
2. Consistently be present at Corporate
Worship and Community Groups

“The more genuine and deeper our community becomes, the more will everything else between us recede and the more clearly and purely will Jesus Christ and his work become the one and only thing that is vital between us...”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Life Together)

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Hebrews 10:25

*25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of
some, but encouraging one another, and all the
more as you see the Day drawing near.*

What cultivates Gospel Community

1. Center one another on Christ
2. Consistently be present at Corporate
Worship and Community Groups
3. Call others in and Commission some out