

B U I L D T H E

HOUSE



COMMUNITY – August 13, 2017

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In this series we will address three fundamental principles that we are striving to build in our house, City Church. If applied, we will build a strong and thriving house for years to come

Deepest Foundation for Community

Created for Community:

- Something in all our soul longs for meaningful relationship with others.
- We are created for community because we were created out of community.
- *Genesis 1:26, Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us.*
- The Trinity shows that God Himself is community.
- Our longing for community flows out of being image bearers of the triune God.

Broken Community

- Sin broke our relationship with God, but it also put a tendency to use people to meet our own needs first.
- Sin is more than just bad behavior; the Bible refers to sin as unbelief.
- *Genesis 3:4-5, “You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman. “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.”*
- Unbelief is a failure to see and believe what’s true about God and ourselves.

Redeemed for Community

- The Gospel meets us with good news, but there can’t be good news without bad news.
- Sin not only separates us from God but also leads us to isolation.
- Jesus redeems us from sin and all its effects in our life.
- We are redeemed to be image bearers of God and to reflect His goodness to the world.
- God has created us for community, Jesus redeemed us for community to truly be the BODY of Christ.

Benefits of Joining a City Group

1. Groups can help foster relationships.
 - The best way to make friends in a big crowd is in small groups.
2. Groups can provide a comfortable place to explore faith.
 - It's an easy way for others to see real people living out their faith in real life situations.
3. Groups can provide a way to care for the needs of others.
 - As friendships are being developed, caring for each other will seem very natural.
 - Caring for each other can happen as you spend time in focused prayer for each other.
4. Groups can provide encouragement and accountability.
 - This typically happens in groups that have been meeting for a good while.
 - We all need this but it will never happen until you take the first step and join a group.
5. Groups can provide an environment for growth.
 - One of the best ways to develop spiritual maturity is through your connections with others.
 - The best way to live out your faith as a Jesus follower is not in isolation but in community with others.

How to Join a City Group?

We believe you need to be in a group no matter if you are super busy, an introvert, have more kids than you can count, or are afraid of meeting some weird people. The investment into the community at City Church will be well worth your time!

- *Go to GROUP DAY. 15 Minutes after each service in the gym TODAY*
- *Go to www.citygroups.cc and find a group and sign up*
- *Log in to your CITY CHURCH app and sign up*

PURPOSE GROUPS begin the week of August 27