

Preaching Series- Core Values
Value #5: COMMUNITY
Sunday, July 28, 2019

Community: You Can't Do Life Alone

Psalm 133:1 (NIV)

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!”

Unity in Art: Harmony, Completeness, Wholeness

Romans 12:4-18 (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. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly. Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. When God’s people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you. Don’t curse them; pray that God will bless them. Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with each other. Don’t be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don’t think you know it all! Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.”

Know Your Role

Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 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.”

Galatians 6:2 (ESV)

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

Yes, “misery loves company” but isolation causes us to bear too much on our own.

1 Thessalonians 5:14 (NIV)

“And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone.”

We are to “admonish” (instruct, advise, warn) one another in the community of faith.

“People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.”

NONE of this will work without a commitment to humility and honesty. None of it.