

## COMMUNITY HELPS US SERVE BETTER TOGETHER

... agree with each other, loving one another, and working together with one heart and purpose.  
Philippians 2:2 (NLT)

### ❖ Why We Need to Serve Together:

1. Because we're FAMILY.

*We work together as partners who belong to God.*

1 Corinthians 3:9 (NLT)

2. Because we NEED each OTHER.

*... Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of Christ's Body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn't amount to much, would we?*

Romans 12:5 (MSG)

3. Because we will get MORE DONE.

*Two are better off than one, because together they can work more effectively.*

Ecclesiastes 4:9 (GN)

### ❖ What It Takes to Serve Together as a T.E.A.M:

• T is for TRUST.

*Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care.*

1 Timothy 6:20 (NIV)

*Many people claim to be loyal, but it is hard to find a trustworthy person.*

Proverbs 20:6 (NCV)

1. You earn people's trust by being consistent.

*"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much."*

Luke 16:10 (NIV)

2. You earn people's trust by being confidential.

*A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.*

Proverbs 11:13 (NIV)

3. You earn people's trust by being close.

*Friends love through all kinds of weather, and families stick together in all kinds of trouble.*

Proverbs 17:17 (MSG)

• E is for EMPATHY.

*Live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic.*

1 Peter 3:8 (NIV)

1. It demands that we slow down.

*Be quick to listen and slow to speak...*

James 1:19 (NIV)

2. It takes time to ask questions.

*A person's thoughts are like water in a deep well, but someone with insight can draw them out.*

Proverbs 20:5 (GN)

3. Gives you freedom to show emotions.

*Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.*

Romans 12:15 (NAS)

• A is for ACCOMADATING.

*Be faithful, loving, and easy to get along with.*

2 Timothy 2:22b (CEV)

1. By meeting each other's needs.

*Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, "How can I help?"*

Romans 15:2 (MSG)

2. By listening to each other's ideas.

*The intelligent man is always open to new ideas. In fact, he looks for them.*

Proverbs 18:15 (LB)

3. By recognizing each other's personalities.

*God in His kindness gave each of us different gifts.*

Romans 12:6 (GW)

4. By accepting each other's faults.

*Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.*

Ephesians 4:2 (LB)

• M is for MISSIONAL.

*...be of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose."*

Philippians 2:2 (NAS)

1. We worship together to better fulfill our mission.

*I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.*

Psalms 122:1

2. We do Life Groups together to better fulfill our mission.

*Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another.*

Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)

3. We minister together to better fulfill our mission.

*Live in a way that brings honor to the Good News of Christ. ... standing strong with one purpose, working together as one for the faith of the Good News."*

Philippians 1:27 (NCV)