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BETTER TOGETHER

I. What does the Bible say about being together?

A. 59 times it uses the line 'one another'

Hebrews 10:25 NLT

1 Peter 4:9-11 NIV

Galatians 6:2 NASB

1 John 4:12 NIV

B. The early church was together all the time.

Acts 2:44-47 NIV All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.

II. Why is it so important for us to be together?

1. To make us stronger, sharper and safer. *1 Corinthians 14:12,26 "for the building up of the church." Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.*

2. To motivate one another. *Hebrews 10:24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.*

3. To Pray. *James 5:16 NIV 16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

4. To grow. *Acts 2:46-47 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

Colossians 3:16 NLT Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.

5. To know and meet the needs of our community.
Titus 3:14 NASB Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful.
Acts 2:44-45
Hebrews 10:25

III. What are the barriers that keep us from being together?

2 Timothy 3 - Selfishness

Proverbs 1:32 - Complacency of fools will destroy them.

Isaiah 32:8 - Not being intentional

IV. What are ways we can become intentional about being together?