

LIVE JOINED TOGETHER

Eph. 2:19-22

SERMON SUMMARY:

What is church supposed to look like? Very often we talk about “going to church” as if the church service *is* the church. But the New Testament, and specifically in our passage today, paints a different picture of church. We will discover what the church ought to look like, and what practical steps we can take to move toward God’s prescriptions.

SERMON OUTLINE:

Your Design

You were made to be in relationship with God and others.

A Theology of Community

Because of Jesus, you are now a citizen and family member.

God’s community is built on the apostles and prophets.

The cornerstone of community is Jesus.

You, being joined together, make up God’s temple.

Practice Community

Growth cannot happen in isolation; it happens in community.

Reject cliques. Rather, practice hospitality.

THINK ABOUT IT/TALK ABOUT IT:

- Have you ever heard someone say “it’s time to go to church”? What do people usually mean by that?
- What is true about that phrase, and what is not quite right about that phrase?
- What does it mean to be a citizen and family member of God’s community?
- What is significant about each element of the foundation of God’s community?
- Have you ever tried to grow spiritually while isolated? Did it work?
- What does it look like to practice hospitality?