



WHO IS GRACE TABLE?
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

-Psalm 133:1



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Acts 2:42-47

God is communal: A Trinitarian Primer

BIBLICAL BASIS:

No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. -Jhn. 1:18

He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. -Jhn. 16:14

I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. -Jhn. 17:4-5

The very essence of our being is communal because God the Creator is communal.

Our Calling to be Communal

BIBLICAL BASIS:

- Single-minded (1 Cor. 1:10)
- Fellowship (1 Jhn 1:7)
- Patience (1 Thess. 5:14)
- Forgiveness (Col. 3:13)
- Carry Burdens (Gal. 6:2)
- Confession & Prayer (Jms. 5:16)
- Brother During Adversity (Pro. 17:17)
- Iron Sharpening Iron (Pro. 27:17)
- One Body (Rom. 12:5)
- Humble Unity (Rom. 12:16)
- Encouragement (Rom. 1:11-12)
- Sacrificial Love (Jhn. 15:12-13)
- Chosen People (1 Pet. 2:9-10)



Our Commitment to be Communal

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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. -Heb. 10:24-25

3 Major Needs in Community:

I. Presence: We need to gather to be communal.

II. Transparency: No Facade or Perfection. We are a mess with a deep longing to be more than we are.

III. Vulnerability: We are created to know and be known.

HOW WE DESIRE TO BE COMMUNAL AT GRACE TABLE:

- We gather
- We pray together
- We study the Bible
- We do everyday things with gospel intentionality (Missional Communities)
- We serve others together
- We love on mission together
- We live life together

Biblical basis:

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. -1 Pet. 4:8-11



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BENEDICTION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

-2 Corinthians 13:14



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