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Sermon Series: Pivotal Moments

Sermon Title: Why Christian Community Is Important

Passage: 1 Corinthians 12

Relevant Question: Why is Christian Community Important?

1. God Designed People To Live In Community With One Another.

1 Corinthians 12:12–14 (CSB)

¹²For just as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body—so also is Christ.

¹³For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and we were all given one Spirit to drink.

¹⁴Indeed, the body is not one part but many.

2. The Holy Spirit Gifts Every Christian With A Role Within The Body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:4–11 (CSB)

⁴Now there are different gifts, but the same Spirit.

⁵There are different ministries, but the same Lord.

⁶And there are different activities, but the same God works all of them in each person.

⁷A manifestation of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good:

⁸to one is given a message of wisdom through the Spirit, to another, a message of knowledge by the same Spirit,

⁹to another, faith by the same Spirit, to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

¹⁰to another, the performing of miracles, to another, prophecy, to another, distinguishing between spirits, to another, different kinds of tongues, to another, interpretation of tongues.

¹¹One and the same Spirit is active in all these, distributing to each person as he wills.

1 Corinthians 12:14–20 (CSB)

¹⁴Indeed, the body is not one part but many.

¹⁵If the foot should say, “Because I’m not a hand, I don’t belong to the body,” it is not for that reason any less a part of the body.

¹⁶And if the ear should say, “Because I’m not an eye, I don’t belong to the body,” it is not for that reason any less a part of the body.

¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?

¹⁸But as it is, God has arranged each one of the parts in the body just as he wanted.

¹⁹And if they were all the same part, where would the body be?

²⁰As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

3. Christians Need The Support of Biblical Community and Need to Support The Community.

1 Corinthians 12:24–26 (CSB)

²⁴... Instead, God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the less honorable,

²⁵so that there would be no division in the body, but that the members would have the same concern for each other.

²⁶So if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

Main Point: Communion with Jesus Leads to Communion with Jesus-Followers

PURPOSE OF COMMUNITY GROUPS:

- **CONNECT BELIEVERS:** to help believers connect in authentic community where they can be encouraged, supported, held accountable, and prayed for.
- **GROW TOGETHER:** to help believers grow and mature in their faith through the reading, applying, and responding to God's Word.
- **PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER:** to experience the body of Christ in an intimate way - bearing burdens and praising the Lord together, through prayer.

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