



Sermon Outline
August 18, 2024
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Community

Hebrews 10:24-25

Five Basics:

1. The Bible 2. Prayer 3. _____
4. Church 5. Worship

*** How do you turn a crowd into a congregation?**

Acts 2:44 - All the believers were together and had everything in common.

1. Why is community a basic?

** The need for community is hard-wired into our design.*

Genesis 2:18a - The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone."

2. Why can community be so wonky?

*** Everybody's _____.**

** The real test of Christianity is not loving Jesus.
It's loving His people.*

*** Everyone struggles with a _____ nature.**

Ephesians 4:22 - You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires.

** Community is the place where the person you least want to live with always lives. - Henri Nouwen*

*** Community requires time & _____.**

Acts 2:46 - 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.

Hebrews 10:24-25 - And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

3. Why is community so important for Christ followers?

*** There will be times when you need a _____.**

Ephesians 4:15 - Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

"...consider how we may spur one another on..."

Proverbs 27:17 - As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

*** _____ is a tool of the devil.**

"...not giving up meeting together..."

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 - Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

*** There will be times when you need a _____.**

"...encouraging one another..."

Encourage = to give support, confidence, or _____ to someone.

Ephesians 4:29 - Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

** No one can make the journey _____ us,
but they can make the journey _____ us.*

Matthew 18:20 - For where two or three gather in my name, there am I _____.