

Why We Need Each Other

Text: Romans 12:1-16

The Plain Truth

A healthy body utilizes all _____, fights _____,
and multiplies _____.

Let's take a look at 5 reasons that the Bible says that
we NEED Community:

1. I Need Others to _____ With Me.
2. I Need Others to _____ With Me.
3. I Need Others To _____ Out For Me.
4. I Need Others To _____ With Me.
5. I Need Others To _____ With Me.
 - a. God's answer to fear is _____.

One Year Bible Reading

Feb. 8: Exodus 28:1-43, Matthew 25:31-26:13, Psalm 31:9-18, Prov. 8:12-13
Feb. 9: Exodus 29:1-30:10, Matthew 26:14-46, Psalm 31:19-24, Prov. 8:14-26
Feb. 10: Exodus 30:11-31:18, Matthew 26:47-68, Psalm 32:1-11, Proverbs 8:27-32
Feb. 11: Exodus 32:1-33:23, Matthew 26:69-27:14, Psalm 33:1-11, Proverbs 8:33-36
Feb. 12: Exodus 34:1-35:9, Matthew 27:15-31, Psalm 33:12-22, Proverbs 9:1-6
Feb. 13: Exodus 35:10-36:38, Matthew 27:32-66, Psalm 34:1-10, Proverbs 9:7-8
Feb. 14: Exodus 37:1-38:31, Matthew 28:1-20, Psalm 34:11-22, Proverbs 9:9-10

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Life Group Lesson

• Week of February 8

Plain Truth: A healthy body utilizes all parts, fights infection, and multiplies cells.

Read: Body of Christ - Romans 12:1-16

Humble Service in the Body of Christ

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your^[a] faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead,^[b] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Love in Action

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need.

Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.^[c] Do not be conceited.

"Since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others." Rom. 12:5b NLT

1. I NEED OTHERS TO _____ WITH ME.

"Just as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him." Col. 2:6-7 (ESV)

"It is not good for man to be alone." Gen. 2:18 (NLT)

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together... Instead, let us encourage one another." Heb. 10:25a (TEV)

Community is God's answer to: "When you gather, each one of you be prepared with something useful for all: Sing a hymn, teach a lesson, tell a story, lead a prayer, provide an insight... Take your turn, with no one person taking over. That way... you all learn from each other." 1 Cor. 14:26, 30-31

"As each part does its work, it helps the other parts grow, so Christ's whole body is healthy and growing and full of love." Eph. 4:16 (NLT) "Open your homes to each other without complaining." Peter 4:9 (TEV)

2. I NEED OTHERS TO _____ WITH ME.

"God made us to do good works, which He planned in advance for us to live our lives doing." Eph. 2:10 (NCV)

"Two people are better than one, because they get more done by working together."

"Every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith." Gal. 6:10

Read these passages together and discuss the importance of community for the Christian:

Romans 12:1-16

Colossians 2

1 Corinthians 14: 26-31