



Why Not Make Christian Community a Priority and Passion?

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Reasons People Might Avoid Christian Community...WHY NOT?

1. I have plenty of community outside of the church
2. I am fine on my own (I'm a solo act)
3. I don't want that level of accountability and connection
4. Church people have hurt me and let me down
5. Christians can be a little weird
6. I am not needed
7. I just don't have time
8. I don't like all that touchy, feely, super-emotional, churchy stuff

Why Not Take a Step Toward Community?

We need family and were created for community!

Genesis 2:18

¹⁸ The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

1 Corinthians 12:12

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

Why Not Take a Step Toward Community?

We are safer and stronger together

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

⁹ Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? ¹² Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Why Not Take a Step Toward Community?

We all need people to speak truth, challenge us, and offer loving discipline

Matthew 18:15

¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.

Why Not Take a Step Toward Community?

You will find some of the most loving, gracious, and kind people in the church

Romans 16:3-6

³ Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus. ⁴ They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them. ⁵ Greet also the church that meets at their house. Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia. ⁶ Greet Mary, who worked very hard for you...

Why Not Take a Step Toward Community?

There are many people who need what God can bring through you

1 Corinthians 12:7

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good...

1 Corinthians 12:15

¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.

Why Not Take a Step Toward Community?

It is worth the investment because we see examples of love, faith, hope, commitment, sacrifice... and more

2 Timothy 2:1-3

¹ You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. ³ Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

Why Not Take a Step Toward Community?

Sometimes what makes us seem weird or different is what makes us distinctively Christian

Matthew 5:38-41

³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' ³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.

⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. ⁴¹ If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.

Possible Steps Toward Community

- Linger longer!
- Strategic Service
- Try a Community Group
- Explore Growth Groups
- Crash a Bible Study
- Share a Meal
- Visit the Connection Center