

CHURCH COMMUNITIES ARE ESSENTIAL

“Together you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of that body.” **1 Corinthians 12:27 (NCV)**

THREE REASONS A CHURCH COMMUNITY IS ESSENTIAL

1. _____ “

You have six days to do your work, but the seventh day of each week is holy because it belongs to me. No matter where you live, you must rest on the Sabbath and come together for worship...”

Leviticus 23:3 (CEV)

WORSHIPPING TOGETHER...

a. **INCREASES OUR** _____

“We enjoyed being together, and we went with others to your house, our God.” **Psalm 55:14 (CEV)**

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.” **Psalm 122:1 (KJV)**

b. **ENLARGES OUR** _____

“I tried to think this problem through, but it was too difficult for me until I went into your Temple. Then I understood...” **Psalm 73:16-17 (GNT)**

c. **HELPS OTHERS** _____

“He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many people will see this and worship him. Then they will trust the LORD.” **Psalm 40:3 (NCV)**

“...Under his (Christ) direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly, and each part in its own special way helps the other parts, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.” **Ephesians 4:16b (TLB)**

WE GROW TOGETHER...

a. **BY** _____ **ONE ANOTHER**

“Accept one another, then, just as Christ has accepted you...” **Romans 15:7a**

b. **BY** _____ **ONE ANOTHER**

“...encourage one another, and build each other up...” **I Thessalonians 5:11**

c. **BY TEACHING &** _____ **ONE ANOTHER**

“Let the message about Christ completely fill your lives, while you use all your wisdom to teach and instruct each other...” **Colossians 3:16 (CEV)**

2. _____

“...Do you have fellowship together in the Spirit?... Then make me truly happy...by working together with one mind and purpose.” **Philippians 2:1b-2 (NLT)**

WE SERVE ONE ANOTHER...

a. BY SHARING OUR _____

“Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others...” **I Peter 4:10a (NCV)**

b. BY OFFERING PRACTICAL _____

“Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” **Galatians 6:2**

c. BY SHARING OUR _____

“Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality” **Romans 12:13**

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” **Hebrews 10:25**