THE PRACTICE OF COMMUNITY
Becoming Like Jesus #7
October 11, 2026

- **We are relational beings who are better _____ than _____. (Genesis 2:18)**

- **Hospitality leads to _____ in the church.**

BIG IDEA: WE ARE MADE TO _____ AND _____ IN COMMUNITY.

WHY WE FLOURISH IN COMMUNITY

1. **We learn how to _____ and be _____. (John 13:34-35)**

2. **We can build more and _____ relationships.**

3. **We experience more personal _____. (Eph. 4:15-16)**

4. **We lead longer, happier, more _____ lives. (John 10:10)**

GROW YOUR COMMUNITY WITH HOSPITALITY

1. **_____ someone new this week. (Heb. 13:2)**

2. **Share _____ with someone besides family this month.**

3. **Join or start a _____ this fall.**

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday
Read Acts 2:42-47. These verses are a window into what was happening in the first church. Identify all the words or phrases that refer to community. What actions took place in the community? What was the mood of the community? Without community there would be no church then or now. How are you connected to community?

Tuesday
Read Rom. 12:13; Heb. 13:2; 1 Pet. 4:9. The Greek word translated as hospitality literally means "friend of strangers." Stranger doesn't mean weird or scary person. It means someone you don't know. Hospitality literally turns strangers into friends once you get to know them. What can you do this week to be a friend to someone you don't know? Begin in your neighborhood, church, school or work.

Wednesday
Read Romans 12. Verses 9-21 give the marks of a true Christian. Read them carefully, paying attention to how much of this can only be lived out in community. The church is a community, and we can't be fully devoted followers of Jesus without being consistently active in a local church. We need community to live out the Christian life. What action in today's reading convicted or challenged you?

Thursday
Read Hebrews 10:19-25. Read v. 24-25 again. What actions are we encouraged to take? Notice that all of them take place in community not isolation. Attending a small group and serving in a ministry are two ways we build community at CRBC. Who do you connect with weekly? What could you do to build a richer community at Canopy Roads?

Friday
The "one another" commands in the New Testament teach us how to love like Jesus. Do an internet search for "one another commands". Which ones are most challenging for you? Ask God to help you love others as Jesus loves you. What did He tell you to do?