

I BELONG...



What is Community?

God in eternal community

TRINITY: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each distinct from the other . . . All share co-equality in the Attributes and fullness of deity as one God.

What is Community?

Koinonia: Fellowship, joint participation, communion.

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,

Environments for Community

- Corporate worship
- Fellowship in one another's homes

James 5:12 But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.



Essentials for Community

- Integrity

James 5:13-15 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven



Essentials for Community

- Integrity
- Prayer

Prayer

Prayer - prayer is talking to God.

- Prayer is how God wants to meet our needs
- Prayer is how God fulfills our greatest need
- Prayer is how we express our constant dependence and helplessness

Prayer

Prayer is the most important part
of our most important relationships



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Views on James 5:15-16

- Instructions weren't followed properly
- There was too little faith involved
- The sick believer will be delivered from spiritual defeat and immaturity
- Healing is from spiritual inflection in the church

James 5:16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working



Essentials for Community

- Integrity
- Prayer
- Confession

James 5:19 My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.



Essentials for Community

- Integrity
- Prayer
- Confession
- Accountability

Acts 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.



Outcomes of Healthy Community

- Exalted God
- Found favor with the greater community
- Grew in number

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