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CREATED FOR COMMUNITY

Why all this talk about community?

Let's get our perspective right:

With all this talk about community, it is so easy to think of the communities where we stay and live: our homes – family; our school – friends, classmates, teachers; our sport – teammates, coaches; our work – colleagues, clients, students; our neighbourhood – people staying around us, etc.

We are blessed to be in these communities. It is where God has placed us to be salt and light.

Yet, the community we are talking about, is a special community of people within our different communities.

Can you remember what community it is?

Yes, it is the group of people who believe in Jesus, who love Him whole-heartedly and who live life together - where Jesus is Lord and Saviour, the centre and His Word is our compass – teaching us the way we should live. A community known by the love they have for one another. Another word for this community is church – you and me, us together, followers of Jesus - living life together.

This community is a gift from God given to us to be able to live in what He created us for: He created us in His image to love – Him and others and to live in meaningful relationship with Him and one another, together, in peace, doing the good things He has called us to do.

The question is: do we really see and value this community as a precious gift from God?

To be able to value it, we need to understand WHY? Why is community of the believers so important?

In the Bible the church is sometimes called “a body” and that helps us to get a better understanding of why community of believers is so important.



Let's first watch this short video clip.

(Parents, I suggest that you first watch it yourself to choose which video will be the best for your family.)

Watch and listen well to see if you can find answers to the question: why is it important for us to be part of a community of Jesus-followers?

An Animated 1 Corinthians 12 | We are the Body of Christ - Steve Thomason (For the younger children) - <https://youtu.be/INsNTdaBIG8>

The Body of Christ – Kingdom Government (For the older children) - <https://youtu.be/xBPquepg2jE>

Write down your answers.

For the bigger children: read the following Scriptures together.

(For the little ones summarise the Scriptures.)

Ephesians 4:16 (TPT):

“For his body has been formed in His image and is closely joined together and constantly connected as one. And every member has been given divine gifts to contribute to the growth of all; and as these gifts operate effectively throughout the whole body, we are built up and made perfect in love.”

1 Corinthians 12:25-17 (MSG):

“The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives as a church: every part dependant on every other part, the parts we mention and part's we don't, the parts we see and the parts we don't. If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one flourishes, every other part enters into exuberance. You are Christ's body – that is who you are! You must never forget this. Only as you accept your part of that body does your 'part' mean anything.”

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Matthew 28:18-20 (TPT):

“Then Jesus came close to them and said: ‘All authority of the universe has been given to me. Now go in my authority and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And teach them to faithfully follow all that I have commanded you. And never forget that I am with you every day, even to the completion of this age.’”

Luke 10:1-2 (TPT):

“After this the Lord Jesus formed thirty-five teams among the other disciples. Each team was two disciples, seventy in all, and he commissioned them to go ahead of Him into every town he was about to visit. He released them with these instructions: ‘The harvest is huge and ripe. But there are not enough harvesters to bring it all in. As you go, plead with the Owner of the Harvest to drive out into his harvest fields many more workers.’”

With Lockdown we did not have church or such community, except in our home. From October our church (CCA) are going to meet in small community groups in homes.

Now that we have watched the video clip and read the Word, do you think it is important for us to be part of such a community? Do you want to be part of it?



Prayer

- Let us pray that Holy Spirit will help us that our hearts and minds will be in line with God’s heart for us.
- Ask God which gifts He has given you and how you can serve others with it.

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Memory Verse:

(Use action movements to learn this verse. Repeat a few times. Also in the days to come.)

Ephesians 4:16 (NLT):

“He makes the whole body fits together perfectly

(interlace fingers perfectly in front of body)

As each part does its own work,

(touching eyes, ears, nose, while walking)

It helps the other parts grow,

(from crouching, stand up reach up with arms)

So that the whole body

(move stretched arms from above the head down to sides sideways)

Is healthy

(jump for joy)

and growing

(growing movement)

and full of love.”

(form fingers in a heart shape)



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