



09-26-2021 So You Want To Be A Disciple: Gatherers And Sharers

Matthew 16:18 - *Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.*

Romans 12:4-5 - *Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function,⁵ so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.*

Community Is Necessary To Following Christ

The Visible Community Of Saints That Share Life Together

GATHERERS AND SHARERS

Acts 2:42-45 - *All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders.⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had.⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.*

Don't Undervalue The Importance Of Meeting With Others Of Like Mind And Faith

- 1) Training In The Word.**
- 2) Fellowship With God's People.**

Their Faith Was A Day-To-Day Reality, Not A Once-A-Week Routine

The Family Of God Is Most Effective When Its Members Love And Work Together

John 13:35 - *Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.*

COMMUNITY AND DISCIPLESHIP

The Early Church Experienced Qualitative And Quantitative Growth

A Unified Community More Than Individual Growth

- 1) Joyfully Involve Themselves In Each Other's Lives.**
- 2) We Challenge Others And Are Challenged Ourselves Towards A Greater Faith.**

The Community Is Where Your Presence Matters

Genesis 1:26 - *"Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us."*

God Put A Communal Need In The Soul Of Every Person

Genesis 3:8 - *When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees.*

Sin Hinders Our Ability To Create True Community

Biblical Discipleship Is Where Believers Help One Another Become Better Followers Of Christ