

Making the T.E.A.M.

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Ecclesiastes 4:9 “Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed.”

1 Corinthians 12:27 “All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.”

Romans 12:5 “... We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.”

Teamwork: We are committed to teamwork at every level. Our teams are based on a common philosophy that encourages diversity and flexibility in unity. Our unity flows out of our common bond in Jesus, who is the head of Journey.

Authentic Community: Accountability, belonging, care and spiritual growth happen best with relationally-connected believers. We were created to live deeply with one another; to carry each other’s burdens; to pray for and confess our sins to each other; to suffer and celebrate together. It’s in these sacred relationships and honest, loving communities that God transforms us. We value relationships marked by honesty, encouragement, acceptance, accountability and unconditional love.

Acts 2:44-26 “And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. 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”

Why is community so important?

Community is important because _____.

Hebrews 10:25 “And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.”

Community is important because _____.

Ephesians 2:19 “... You are citizens along with all of God’s holy people. You are members of God’s family.”

Community is important because _____.

1 Thessalonians 5:10-11 “Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever. So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.”

We experience authentic community when we

To identify with God’s Family, I need to...

Join a local spiritual family.

1 Peter 3:8 You should be like one big happy family, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds.

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

Why Membership

A Biblical Reason: _____ is committed to the Church.

Ephesians 5:25 ...Christ loved the church and gave his life for it.

A Cultural Reason: It is an _____ to our society.

A Practical Reason: It defines who can be _____.

A Personal Reason: It produces _____ growth.

Join a Life Group.

Romans 12:9 “Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them.... Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other... When God’s people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.... Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with each other. Don’t be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don’t think you know it all!”

Questions about Life Groups

1. Why are Life Groups important at Journey?
2. Are Life Groups biblical?
3. Why should I join a Life Group?

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