

Mount Vernon First Church of God November 17, 2019
Acts 2:42-47 Essential Community

Common Goal, Community – To glorify God...
As we live as a family.

Psalm 133:1 "How truly wonderful and delightful to see brothers and sisters living together in sweet unity!"

"Unity" of community is _____ part.

"Com" of community is _____ part.

Underline descriptions of togetherness in today's Scripture:

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.

A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. 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 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.

Community is **essential** because...

Ekklesia church = koinonia community = simultaneous fellowship between God and the children of God

"The _____ no longer sees the church as essential because _____ no longer see the church as essential." –Jim Lyon

The church needs _____ like the body needs _____.

Day 1 – Read: Acts 2:37-47

Ponder in Prayer: Ask for God's perspective – to see yourself as part of God's household, a family member.

Day 2 – Read: Romans 8:15-17

Ponder in Prayer: Thank Abba for His choice and power to adopt you; thank Jesus for the sacrifice that made us joint heirs; thank the Spirit for affirming our place in the family.

Day 3 – Read: Philippians 2:1-11

Ponder in Prayer: How might you copy Jesus' example of counting others more significant than himself and looking out for their interests?

Day 4 – Read: Romans 15:5-7

Ponder in Prayer: Consider how harmony in the family brings glory to God, and what you can do today or this week to contribute to harmony in the family.

Day 5 – Read: Hebrews 3:12-14; 10:23-25

Ponder in Prayer: Ask God to show you a specific way to come along side to help and encourage a fellow believer today, and then do it.