

Sunday Leftovers

Sermon Title: Grow - The Living Stones

What's this message about?

Why do we hear this Christian buzzword “community” so much? What does it really mean and is it as important as church leaders make it out to be? Peter thought so. In his epistle to the church he states that we should be as living stones. He goes on to share that, like a building, we are those living stones and need to work together to fulfill God’s plan for our lives. Peter is clear that we were never meant to walk this spiritual journey alone. Not only that, he is also clear that we cannot accomplish God’s plan for our lives if we do not allow others to contribute to and have impact on our lives. Community in its purest sense needs interdependence for it to truly produce positive results.

Questions for discussion:

- *What do you think was the main point of Matt's message?*
- *Read 1 Peter 2: 1-7: What do Peter's metaphors teach us the benefits of community?*
- *Why do you think people avoid opportunities for connection and community?"*
- *What can we do to make community a more vital part of our lives and encourage others to seek it?*

Do something about it:

Where do you connect, grow and love? Outside of your immediate family is there a support system, a spiritual family that encourages, supports and motivates you to grow in your faith, share it with others, and live it out? If you do not have a group, outside of your immediate family, that provides this empowering, then it is time to seek that opportunity out. Actively pursue and engage in opportunities to connect with others and seek to find that place where you can live out that special blessing/anointing that God wants you to experience.

Digging deeper:

Psalms 133:1-3; Matthew 11:28-30; Acts 2:43-47; 2 Corinthians 13:11; Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:25-27; Hebrews 10:23-25