

Driven by Purpose
Why We Need Fellowship

Romans 12:5
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A church is not a place we go to... It's a spiritual family that **WE BELONG TO!**

***Romans 12**⁵ We are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other. (CEB)*

***Acts 2**⁴¹ Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day....⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals...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. (NLT)*

WHY DO WE NEED FELLOWSHIP?

1. We need others to **WALK WITH US.**

***Colossians 2**⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him. (ESV)*

***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. (NLT)*

2. We need others to **WORK WITH US.**

***Ephesians 2**¹⁰ God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing. (ESV)*

***Ecclesiastes 4**⁹ Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. (NLT)*

3. We need others to be **WATCHFUL FOR US.**

***Philippians 2**⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. (NLT)*

4. We need others to **MOURN WITH US.**

***1 Corinthians 12**²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together. (ESV)*

***Romans 12**¹⁵ Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. (NLT)*

***2 Corinthians 1**³ God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort.⁴ He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. (NLT)*

5. We need others to **WITNESS WITH US.**

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

Philippians 1 ²⁷ *Then, whether I visit you or not... I will know that you are working together and that you are struggling side by side to get others to believe the good news. (CEV)*

Action Step:

JOIN A LIFE GROUP OR DECIDE TO HOST ONE.