



PART 1: THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY

INTRODUCTION

As we move forward it can be challenging to resist the temptation to remain secluded. As a church and as individuals within the church God has great things ahead of us. He's got a bright future for us together. We need to be willing to step into that future together.

KEY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:36-40

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

Acts 9:4

1 Corinthians 12:27

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What has been the hardest adjustment for you as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic? What adjustments and changes have you made that are going to be the hardest for you to give up?
2. What did you learn about trust and/or distrust in your home growing up? As an adult now, is it hard or easy for you to trust others?
3. Read Acts 9:4. Saul was persecuting followers of Jesus and Jesus asked him "why are you persecuting me?" Jesus was saying that his followers are an extension of himself. Have you ever thought about this truth? How does it change the way you think about the church...the body of Christ...and your part in it?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 12:27. What is your role (or part) in the body of Christ? What is missing if you're not here?
5. What challenges and frustrations have you experienced in being a part of the community that is the church (the Body of Christ)?
6. Pastor Will taught that God's grace shows up when there is brokenness and sin...that in the midst of broken, sinful, frustrating people, God's Spirit is at work creating a transformed community. And that it's in healthy community that we develop a greater capacity to trust...to trust God and to trust others. How have you experienced God's presence while in the middle of community? How have you learned to trust God and others more while in community?
7. What step will you take this week to engage or re-engage in community with the Body of Christ?

MOVING FORWARD

Application Prayer: Jesus, I want to connect with your Body. I am taking a step of trust toward you that you would transform me to become more like you.