

Community Group Notes from Sunday 18th January

“In”

Growing in Community part 1

This week we started a serious looking at the importance of community for a Christian to grow and mature in their walk with God. We particularly focused on the Community Groups of the church and their vital role in building a God centred, supportive, caring and outward looking community.

1. Share stories where you have personally experienced community in action over the last 6 months
2. What has your attitude been like to your community group over last year – does anything need to change?
3. Looking at the three core values of the Community Groups – Up, In & Out. Which one(s) is your group strong in? Which one is your group weakest in and what can you all do about it?
4. What can each of you do to encourage your group leaders and help them be more effective in their role?

Going Deeper... Why not take some time looking up and studying the list of “one anotherings” found at the end of these notes.

“Out”

Please pray for Alpha especially if you know anyone attending any of the Alpha Courses. We have 12 guests at the Café Alpha. There are 6 guests on the daytime Alpha – including one guy!!! Praise God. And there are 2 guests who would like to do a House Alpha and ideally we could do with 2 more to add to that.

- Thank God 20 guests signed up for Alpha – that is what we asked for
- Thank God for 2 guys who have signed up – that is what we prayed for
- Ask God to pour out his spirit on the speakers and the story tellers
- Ask God to give wisdom and direction to the Christians helping with discussion
- Ask God to seek and save lost people on these course – we want them

Please hand out Front Edge Sunday Invites (the invites say: Is there more to life than this...) and talk about who to invite. During this Sunday we will pray for the sick and preach the gospel. In the children's work they are also going to be talking about Jesus and praying for the sick. We want all ages to know and experience our mighty God. Please be bold and invite your people.

Events Coming Up...

21st January – **Community Group Coaches Meeting** - 7:45pm @ The Charis Centre

27th January – **Equipped: Leadership Development 5** - 7:45pm @ The Charis Centre

8th February - **Front Edge Sunday** - 9:15 & 11:30 @ The Charis Centre

This Sunday...

Stuart will be continuing our 3-part series entitled “Growing in Community”

ONE ANOTHERING

The survey of "one another/each other" verses below indicates that New Testament Christianity was very corporate - more so than the individual Christianity many of us are used to!! Many of these sayings **need** a small group/community setting to be fulfilled.

1. **LOVE** one another
John 13:34; 15:12, 27; 1 Thess 3:12; 4:9; 1 Peter 1:22;
1 John 3:11, 23; 4:7, 11; 2 John 5.
2. **FORGIVE** one another
Col 3:13; Eph 4:32.
3. **ACCEPT** one another
Rom 15:7.
4. Be at **PEACE** with one another
Mark 9:50.
5. Be **DEVOTED** to one another
Rom 12:10.
6. **PREFER** one another above yourselves
Rom 12:10.
7. Live in **HARMONY** with one another
Rom 12:16; 1 Peter 3:8.
8. **ENCOURAGE** one another
1 Thess 4:18; 5:11; Hebrews 3:13; 10:25.
9. **BUILD** one another up
1 Thess 5:11.
10. **ADMONISH/INSTRUCT** one another
Rom 15:14; Col 3:16.
11. **GREET** one another with a holy kiss - a kiss of love
Rom 16:16; 1 Cor 16:20; 1 Peter 5:14.
12. **WAIT** for one another
1 Cor 11:33.
13. Let all the members have **EQUAL** concern for one another
1 Cor 12:25.
14. **SERVE** one another in love
Gal 5:13; John 13:14.
15. **BEAR** with one another in love
Eph 4:2; Col 3:13.
16. Be **KIND** and **COMPASSIONATE** to one another
Eph 4:32.
17. **SUBMIT** to one another
Eph 5:21; 1 Peter 5:5.

18. **SPUR** one another **ON** towards love and good deeds
Hebrews 10:24.
19. **CONFESS** your sins to each other
James 5:16.
20. **PRAY** for each other
James 5:16.
21. Offer **HOSPITALITY** to one another without grumbling
1 Peter 4:10.
22. **MINISTER SPIRITUAL GIFTS** to one another
1 Peter 4:10.
23. Bear one another's **BURDENS**
Gal 6:2.
24. Seek one another's **GOOD**
1 Cor 10:24.