



Day 10, Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Staying Connected in Community

READ - Psalm 100; Hebrew 10:19-25

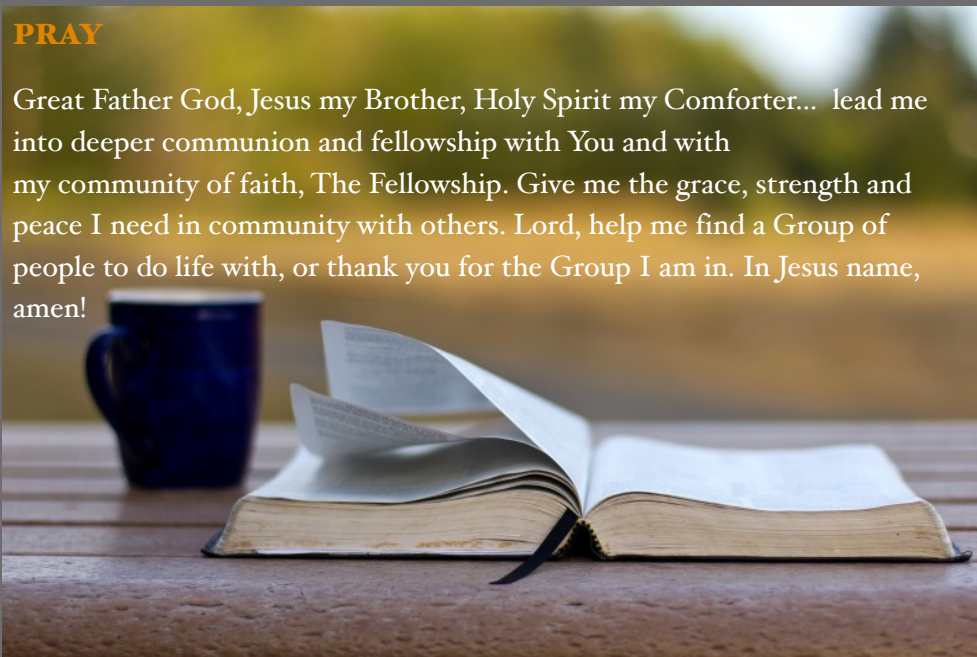
The Christian life was never intended to be a solitary one. Jesus shared His life with twelve disciples and then taught them to share it with others. The early believers gathered together to break bread and share the living Word. What we do each week in church is an expression of shared belief in Jesus – His body, a community of faith that gains strength and courage through worship and the word. But a full and meaningful life of following Jesus is built on much more than one hour a week in church. It requires personal devotion and an interdependency with others in prayer, study, fellowship, and worship.

In other words, **the best way to follow and serve Jesus is in community.** Finding a group can be hard for today's families because they come in all shapes and sizes, and with all kinds of schedules and demands. Many are widowed, single, divorced, or living in a blended family. Some have zero children while some have twelve. Some are working two jobs or may be recently unemployed.

No matter what, where, who, when, or how ... we need each other and to be in community with other followers of Jesus. The church is a place of belonging.

PRAY

Great Father God, Jesus my Brother, Holy Spirit my Comforter... lead me into deeper communion and fellowship with You and with my community of faith, The Fellowship. Give me the grace, strength and peace I need in community with others. Lord, help me find a Group of people to do life with, or thank you for the Group I am in. In Jesus name, amen!



REFLECT

Being in relationship with others is messy but necessary for us to live out the teachings of scripture. Sit quietly and listen to the Spirit as you ask and ponder these questions. We say that groups are a place to know and be known, love and be loved, serve and be served, celebrate and be celebrated.

Does your worship of God reflect your love for Him and His people, the church? Why or why not?

Where does God have you connected with other Christians in the church? Who would you call if you needed help?

Are you actively attending a Group? What stands in your way? What would help you?