Come Together

Hebrews 10:24-25

Let us think of ways to **motivate one another** to acts of **love and good works. 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.

- The Pandemic has changed so much of how we do and experience life...
- As a culture, we were already disconnected, polarized, & substituting virtual relationship for the real thing...
- Comfort & Convenience

Ephesians 5:18-21

Be filled with the Spirit, **speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs**, singing and making melody with your hearts to the Lord; **always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus** <mark>Christ</mark> to *our* God and Father; and **subject yourselves to one another in the fear of Christ.**

"<u>Speaking to One Another</u> in Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs" & "Giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Testimony)

Each generation will announce to the next your wonderful and powerful deeds. ⁵ I will keep thinking about your marvelous glory and your mighty miracles.^[3] ⁶ Everyone will talk about your fearsome deeds, and I will tell all nations how great you are. ⁷ They will celebrate and sing about your matchless mercy and your power to save. Psalm 145:4-7

What has God Done in Your Life ...?

What's this week's God Story You Want to Share?

- His Reassuring Faithfulness?
- His Gentle Compassion?
- His Constant and Unwavering Provision?
- His Ever Present Help and Guidance?

"<u>Subject (submit)</u> yourselves to one another" (Others-Focused)

• Putting Someone Else and Their Needs Above Your Own.

1 Thess. 5:14

We urge you, brothers *and sisters,* admonish the undisciplined, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

- o Present
- o Aware
- o Intentionally Investing Time, Emotional Energy, and Care
- Sharing Bruises, Showing Scars

Luke 22:31-32

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith will not fail; and you, when you have turned back, **strengthen your brothers."**

- They're Not Alone
- They Can Make it Through with God and His People

Change the Way You Think!

- The "Service" isn't about you being served...it's about you serving others, and in that way serving God.
- Quit allowing the world to corrupt your thinking...
 - Acting More Like Spectators & Consumers
 - "A place where I get fed..."
 - "What's best for our family..."
- Quit Buying Into this World's Mantra of Self-Centeredness and Call for Comfort and Convenience

Be like the Son of Man. He did not come to be served. Instead, he came to serve others He came to give his life as the price for setting many people free.

Matthew 20:28