



SEVEN RIVERS C H U R C H

A CULTURE OF GOSPEL: **Community**

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Warm-Up Question:

Read through the “7 Reasons Why We Need Life in Community” in the sidebar to the right. Which ones do you most feel is true in your life?

READ: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

I. GOSPEL COMMUNITY: UNITY

- ▶ From VS 12-13, describe the reason there should be unity among Christians.
- ▶ What would some of the reasons unity might be difficult for “Jews & Greeks, slaves & free” (VS 13) people to have in the 1st century church? What groups of Christians find unity more difficult in our culture now?

II. GOSPEL COMMUNITY: DIVERSITY

- ▶ It's clear from VS 15-16 that some Christians feel inferior to other Christians. What 4 truths does Paul give from VS 14, 15-17, 18, 22 to combat that feeling?
- ▶ It's clear from VS 21 that some Christians feel superior to other Christians. What 4 truths does he give from VS 22, 23, 24, 26 to combat that that feeling?
- ▶ Are you more prone to feeling inferior or superior in the body of Christ, and why? Which of those 8 truths encourage you most against feeling this?

III. GOSPEL COMMUNITY: HUMILITY

- ▶ How do those who feel both superior and inferior struggle with pride and need humility? (Might have to think about those who feel inferior)
- ▶ Read Rom. 12:16 & Phil. 2:3-4. How does true humility come out and bear fruit in our relationships in community with others?
- ▶ Phil. 2:5-8 and 1 Cor. 12:18 contain 2 truths that free us from feeling pride over others. How can believing these truths bear fruit in you and your community?

What is one main take-away you want to apply in your life this week?

7 Reasons Why We Need Life in Community

- 1) Easy to disappear safely into the crowd – (need another to challenge to grow)
- 2) Easy to listen passively to a sermon – (need another to help be a doer of the Word)
- 3) Easy to evade redemptive crises in a large group – (need another follow-up and comfort)
- 4) Easy to avoid accountability and personal application – (need another to help you change)
- 5) Easy to not understand the Bible or sermon – (need another to answer questions)
- 6) Easy to pull away when discouraged – (need another to draw you out and encourage)
- 7) Easy to avoid telling others deeper prayer requests – (need another to pray for you)

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