

Through the Church - Week 3

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His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 3:10-11

Radiant Church exists to move people towards Christ, community and their calling.

Week 3: Who's in your corner?

The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone."

Genesis 2:18

The first problem in the Bible was not sin, but solitude.

Show me your friends, and I will show you your future.

You are a product of the people in your life.

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

Proverbs 13:20

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

1 Corinthians 15:33

The local church is God's strategy for community.

Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Mark 2:1-5

"I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Mark 2:11-12

1. Be Intentional

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Invest in friendships before you need them.

2. Be Vulnerable

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

Ephesians 4:25

It isn't weakness to ask for help; it's wisdom.

3. Be Helpful

Your community either brings you closer to Christ or draws you away from Him.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 1:24-25

Every person has a place in the presence of Jesus.