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Community Hebrews 10:25

The church is a family Ephesians 2:19-22

"...you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and are of God's household..."
– Ephesians 2:19

- In the church, we are no longer strangers with anyone
- In the church, we are a supernatural household
- In the church, we are a family that cares for the needs of one another
 - Acts 2:44-47
 - The biblical "one anothers"

The church is where we find joy in our brothers and sisters 1 Corinthians 3:16

"Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

- "The physical presence of other Christians is a source of incomparable joy and strength to the believer."
Dietrich Bonhoeffer in *Life Together*
- We truly are better together

The church values circles above rows Hebrews 10:24-25

"and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some..."

- We need intentional solitude and intentional community
- Small groups or LifeGroups are essentially an introduction to Christian community

Response:

1. Join a LifeGroup. Learn more, explore all the options, and sign up at calvarylife.org/groups
2. Encourage your LifeGroup to move towards circles and not rows.

Digging Deeper

Hebrews 10:25

1 Preparation

If possible, find a quiet and comfortable place. Rid yourself of distractions such as your phone, television, school work, interruptions from others, etc. Open yourself to God and intend to learn from Him. *"Lord, here I am, I present myself to You. Open my heart to the truth of what is going on in my life."*

2 Read the Text: Hebrews 10:25 & Acts 2:44-46

Read the text a few times until you have a clear understanding of what the passage is saying.

3 Contemplate + Journal

Spend time thinking about and journaling your thoughts to the following questions. If you meet with a LifeGroup, you can also share your responses with them and have a great discussion.

- What is a word or phrase the Lord impressed on you in this time? Meditate on that.
- Ask the Lord, "Lord, what kind of connection do You want me to have with my Christian brothers and sisters?"
- We belong together, not apart. Ask the Lord, "Lord, am I part of my community in a way You would like me to be? How can I "do life" more connected to my community? What would it look like to do this with You?"
- How and what do you feel? Is there a specific situation in your life that relates to this passage today? Pray through this for a moment.

4 Praise + Worship

Worship is an act or mindset shift that realigns us to the reality of who God is. Find this song on Spotify, YouTube, AppleMusic, etc. and the lyrics if you would like to read or sing along. Make this song your prayer and declaration of praise and worship as you hear truths being sung over you. Allow the Lord to minister to your heart in this time.

Song Recommendation: ["Make Us One" by Jesus Culture](#)

5 Closing Prayer

Spend some time in prayer. Whether it is simply sitting in God's loving presence, expressing thankfulness and gratitude, and/or offering up supplication, pray what is on your heart in this time.

6 Blessing

"May the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful." **Colossians 3:15**

10,000 Reasons

Chorus: Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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Alleluia

Father we have come, To bow down in worship, Lifting up our hearts, We bow down in praise

Chorus: *Alleluia, Lover of my soul, Alleluia, With all of heaven we are singing*
(With all of heaven we are singing), (With all of heaven we are singing)

Bright and morning star, Your eyes blaze like fire, Shining like the sun, You're our one desire
All the angels cry out holy is the Lord (God), All the earth replies holy are You
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Holy are You

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Always Good

As high as the heavens are over the earth And wider than every sea
Love without borders and grace beyond words Your heart runs river deep

Chorus: You are always good There is no end to Your mercy And Your love will not run dry
Darkness may deepen and shadows may fall But You will be faithful and true
There is a peace in the vineyard For hope conquers all And we can depend on You

Bridge: Nothing can separate us From Your love Lord Nothing can separate us From Your love From Your love

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Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus Hallelujah praise the One who set me free Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me Jesus Yours is the victory

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