

Why We Have Home Groups: Community — 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Introduction

Even though most of us have grown up thinking that church means attending meetings, that's not what we read in the New Testament. In the New Testament church is not a meeting you attend, it's a group of people you love.

Here at Mercy Hill, the way we pursue church life is in our home groups. And since we are starting new home groups this Fall, we're going to take two weeks to talk about the two main aspects of home-group church-life: community and mission.

Paul teaches us about community in 1 Corinthians 12:12-26.

What does it mean to be part of the church?

Church means being part of a diverse group who are united by drinking of the Spirit (vv.12-14).

Church means being part of a group of people who need you in order to function (vv.15-19).

Church means being part of a group of people whom you need in order to function (vv.20-24a).

Church means being part of a group who all know and care about each other's joys and sorrows (vv.24b-26).

Church means living as part of this body all the time (v.27).

How can you pursue this sort of church life?

Drink of the Holy Spirit.

Be part of a home group.



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HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

How comfortable are you in praying for those who are sick? What makes you uncomfortable? What makes you hesitate?

What would James say about your hesitations and discomfort?

Have you ever experienced "the prayer of faith"? Share what happened.

How can you and your home group be more faithful in doing what James says? What could result from this?

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.