

ROOTED IN COMMUNITY MEANS PUTTING THE "UNITY" BACK IN "COMMUNITY"

I. What does the Bible mean by the term, "fellowship"?

Here's a little Greek for you - koinonia

- Acts 2:42 -
- Romans 15:26 -
- Galatians 2:9 -
- Philippians 1:5 -

II. What we see the Bible saying about a community in unity.

- A. A living worship demands a community in unity in seeking God's will (Romans 12:1-8).
- B. A living worship demands a community in unity to become spiritually mature (Ephesians 4:1-16).
- C. A living worship demands a community in unity to reach the world outside (Philippians 1:27-2:16).

III. But why do we start moving towards a more extensive membership process?

- A. Why the typical membership process has not produced committed Christians in the past.
- B. Why we're doing Deeper Roots.

Study Questions for September 27

1. Read Matthew 18:15-20. What does conflict resolution look like in Christian community? What are the specific steps that Jesus gives us? How does this challenge you?
2. Read Hebrews 10:19-25. What is the basis of the church's confident worship (follow the "Since we..." phrases)? What does the author of Hebrews exhort us to do together?
3. Read Colossians 3:12-17. What commands does Paul give the community-of-faith? What are they supposed to "put on"/"clothe themselves" with? What should be "ruling" them, "dwelling" in them?
4. Read Genesis 3:7-24 (particularly the aspects of the curse). How do you see aspects of the curse being reversed in the above passages on Christian community?