



Community
Message 2

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► **Outline**

But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:7 (NLT)

A. Being the church requires unity in _____.
(1 Corinthians 1:10. C/R: John 13:35; Philipians 2:2; Titus 3:10; 1 Peter 3:8; 1 John 1:7)

B. A healthy community requires...

1. Devotion to learning God's _____ together.
(Acts 2:42a. C/R: Psalm 119:11; John 8:31-32; Acts 17:11; Rom. 10:17; Col. 3:16; 2 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 4:12)

2. Devotion to _____.
(Acts 2:42b. C/R: Matthew 18:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 John 4:11-13)

3. Devotion to _____ and _____.
(Acts 2:42c,46a. C/R: Isaiah 12:5; Acts 1:14; 4:21; Ephesians 5:19)

4. Devotion to _____ for one another.
(Acts 2:44-45. C/R: Acts 4:32,34-35; Galatians 6:2,10; Philipians 2:4)

Engage

How do you think community plays into the greater role of Christ's mission for us? This week, ask God how He wants you to build better community among other believers. Post a picture or text on social media using the hashtag **#AsWeGo** and tag **@BrookwoodChurch** so we can engage with one another.

Answers: A. community B. 1. Word 2. fellowship 3. prayer, worship 4. caring

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or by yourself to pursue a relationship with Jesus. Check out other Bible study tools at biblegateway.com, biblestudytools.com, or bible.com. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

If you were surprised with a three day, paid break to rest and recuperate, what would you do with those three days?

Opening in Prayer

The Law of the LORD is perfect; it gives us new life. His teachings last forever, and they give wisdom to ordinary people. [Psalm 19:7 \(CEV\)](#)

Spend a few moments in prayer, asking God to guide your time in His Word.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [1 Corinthians 1:10-17](#).

1. What was causing division among the believers at Corinth?
2. What did Paul want them to *stop* doing and *start* doing in order to become more unified? See also: [Ephesians 4:1-6](#).
3. What's the relationship between the *unity* and the *mission* of a church?

Read [Acts 2:42-47](#).

4. Name several things these believers were doing together. How do these practices help build community?
5. How would you define true, spiritual fellowship? How is this different than friendships among people who don't have a relationship with God?
6. Who are some people who've been particularly helpful in terms of your spiritual growth? What did they do that was so impactful?

Read [Psalm 1:1-3](#).

7. What does it mean to meditate on God's Word *day* and *night*?
8. How would you describe the difference between learning *about* God and having an intimate relationship *with* God? See also: [1 John 1:1-4](#).
9. What challenges do you face in setting aside time to listen for the Spirit's voice? What would help you protect that time as a regular habit?
10. What's been your experience when it comes to sharing your faith with others? Does the idea of helping others come to know God excite you or scare you? Explain.
11. Healthy community doesn't *just happen*. What steps can you take to develop more meaningful, spiritual relationships? Pause for a few minutes and ask God what He wants you to know and do.

Soul Training

Spend time each day this week in silence before God. Ask Him to quiet your heart as you read through the Daily Reading or another passage of Scripture. Reach out to at least one person this week and share what you're learning.

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

- Day 1: [1 Corinthians 1:10-17](#) Day 4: [Philippians 2:1-4](#)
Day 2: [Ephesians 4:1-6](#) Day 5: [1 John 1:1-7](#)
Day 3: [Psalm 1:1-3](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, January 13, we'll continue the series #AsWeGo with a closer look at the CONTRIBUTION we make. To prepare for the message, spend some time reading [1 Peter 4:7-10](#); [2 Corinthians 8:1-15](#); [9:6-9](#).