

Sermon Series: Revolution: Under the Hood

Sermon: Community of Faith

Bible Verses: Ephesians 4:11-16

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CORE VALUE #5: _____ to the Community of Faith. "We value integrity in relationships and mutual _____ in an atmosphere of grace, love, and acceptance."

So, what is "a church"? Primarily, it is a local gathering of Christians committed to each other and meeting together to do important _____!

Part of "God's business" is _____ among believers. So much so, that if someone at Church has something against _____, I should make it my *most important goal* to reconcile with that person. More important than even _____ God (Matthew 5:23-24)!

The _____ of Church and my faith is to reach _____ with my fellow followers of Jesus, to know Jesus, and become mature like _____!

The _____ of Pastors and teachers is to give you what you need to achieve those goals.

FIRST: _____ must speak the truth, _____, to other Christians to help achieve our goals of unity and maturity.

SECOND: _____ must be willing to _____ from people in my Church too.

The idea that I don't need others is _____. It stops me from becoming mature and cuts me off from the love of the Church. WE _____ EACH OTHER!

THIRD: This is the place where I am reminded of _____, and that maturity (becoming like Jesus Christ) is my goal.

FOURTH: This is the place where I use _____ to help other people achieve that goal too. The body "builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

Conclusion: I want God to speak into my life, and that means letting those who are part of _____ speak into _____. It also means being a loving part of _____ lives.

Growth Group prep

- Have you ever had to correct anyone, and they didn't take it well? What was it like?
- Why were you willing to risk correcting them, even though it could've gone badly?
- If you had to make 3 bullet points what would the "Three hardest things about accepting correction" be?
- Brethren in Christ churches used to have meetings once a year, or so, when they would "straighten everything out." Men could be seen talking to other men out in the field, discussing problems they had with each other, and trying to correct them. What are the advantages and disadvantages of something like that once a year?