

SERMON NOTES



I Love MY Church - Community!

August 13, 2023

What do we mean when we say, “I LOVE my church”?

- The church was never meant to be like a restaurant; it is meant to be based on relationships.

19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

1. Jesus broke down the _____ to give _____ with God!

- *Romans 3:23— There is no difference, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,...*
- *Romans 6:23— ²³ For the wages of sin is death,*
- *Romans 5:8— ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*
- *Romans 10:12-13— ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

2. Break down barriers to _____ community with others!

25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

If we are going to experience the church and life as God intended it, then we can't live behind a fence.

- *“Carry each other’s burdens...” (Galatians 6:2)*
- *“...Be patient, bearing with one another in love.” (Ephesians 4:2)*
- *“Be kind and compassionate to one another...” (Ephesians 4:32)*
- *“...Stop passing judgment on one another.” (Romans 14:13)*
- *“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you...” (Ro. 15:7)*

3. Encourage the _____ of community!

24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

- *Romans 14:19 Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.*
- *Ephesians 4:3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

a. Have healthy _____.

What is an unhealthy expectation? Healthy one?

b. Realize _____ are okay.

What is one step you can take to build a relationship?

c. Take some _____.

Building community is everyone’s job. On a scale between 1 and 10, with 1 being the lowest and 10 the highest, how much effort are you putting into connecting with others? What would you need to do to raise your number by one level in the next few weeks?

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MY PERSONAL NOTES

SERMON REFLECTIONS: Apply to My Life

The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:

The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:

The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:

My prayers today are:

Someone I would like to bless with today's message:

DIGGING DEEPER: Apply to My Life

Scripture: *(Use one from the message this week)*

Observation: *(What stood out about this verse? What do you notice?)*

Application: *(How can you apply this verse in your life today? How can you live in light of this truth?)*

Prayer: *(Turn your thoughts into prayer. Ask the Lord to show you how to believe and live this verse. Pray for people and situations in your life.)*