## Find Your People, Love Your Neighbor – Part 2 June 22, 2025

Loneliness is the psychological state that arises when we lack the intimate & authentic relationships we need to thrive.

If you feel alone, you are not alone feeling alone!

Your loneliness is not an accusation of your unworthiness. It is a signal.

God designed us for connections.

The loneliness we are experiencing is not inevitable.

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV) "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

We can design lives that prioritize connection.

**John 13:34-35 (NIV)** "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."

## How do others know we are a disciples of Christ? BY THE WAY WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

## "One Another's" in the New Testament

**1 Thessalonians 4:9b (NIV)** "You yourselves have been taught by God to **love each other**."

Hebrews 13:1 (NIV) "Keep on loving one another."

- 1 Peter 1:22b (NIV) "Love one another deeply, from the heart."
- 1 Peter 3:8b (NIV) "Love one another, be compassionate and humble."
- 1 John 3:11b (NIV) "We should love one another."
- **1 John 3:23 (NIV)** "And this is His command: to believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and to **love one another**."
- **1 John 4:7 (NIV)** "Dear friends, let us **love one another**, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God."
- 1 John 4:11-12 (NIV) "Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us."

Romans 12:10 (NIV) "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."

Romans 12:16a (NIV) "Live in harmony with one another."

Romans 14:13a (NIV) "Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another."

Romans 15:7a (NIV) "Accept one another."

Romans 16:16 (NIV) "Greet one another with a holy kiss."

1 Corinthians 16:20b (NIV) "Greet one another with a holy kiss."

2 Corinthians 13:12 (NIV) "Greet one another with a holy kiss."

1 Peter 5:14a (NIV) "Greet one another with a kiss of love."

1 Corinthians 1:10a (NIV) "Agree with one another in what you say."

2 Corinthians 13:11b (NIV) "Encourage one another."

1 Thessalonians 4:18a (NIV) "Therefore encourage one another."

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV) "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

Hebrews 3:13a (NIV) "But encourage one another daily."

**Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)** "And let us consider how we may **spur one another on** toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but **encouraging one another**—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Galatians 5:13b (NIV) "Serve one another humbly in love."

**Ephesians 4:2 (NIV)** "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV) "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Ephesians 5:21a (NIV) "Submit to one another."

Philippians 2:5 (NIV) "In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus."

Colossians 3:13a (NIV) "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone."

Colossians 3:16a (NIV) "Teach and admonish one another."

James 5:9a (NIV) "Don't grumble against one another."

1 Peter 4:9a (NIV) "Offer hospitality to one another."

1 John 1:7a (NIV) "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another."

You're going to have to "build and create" community.

Matthew 26:38 (NIV) "Then He said to them, 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with Me."

Jesus is showing us through His VULNERABILITY that we were CREATED TO NEED one another. It's not a sin or a failure or a flaw, rather it's a feature of being made in the image of God.

You are NOT supposed to do life alone. We were created to do LIFE TOGETHER.

Christians are to be hope dealers.