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SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Sermon Discussion Guide

Series: "What Matters" - Week 5 Community

Recap the Highlights:

Community Matters

<u>What</u> He created you to belong to is as important as <u>That</u> He created us with the need to BELONG!

I believe God Created me, therefore...

- I <u>trust</u> in the standards He established for my life.
- Living by His design means <u>community</u> with other believers.
- Community is where I can experience freedom.

The church is God's plan. Attending and belonging are NOT the same.

Community matters to God. Isolation matters to the enemy. When I belong, I am:

<u>Identified</u> <u>Accountable</u> Committed

"All of you <u>together</u> are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Now Dig Deeper:

 "Our God-given identity and purpose can be directly related to the degree to which we choose to BELONG to the community of faith." How is choosing community vital for all believers? Dig into the scripture references below to enhance your understanding.

Scripture References:

Message Text- 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

- Romans 12:4-5
- Ephesians 4:16

- Hebrews 10:25
- Hebrews 6:10



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Respond & Pray:

- A. Through this series we have learned that our <u>origin</u> matters, <u>standards</u> matter, our <u>identity</u> matters, our <u>design</u> matters, and now in Week five, <u>community</u> matters to God. Share what challenged you most from this week's powerful message on community!
- B. Pastor Patrick encouraged us to learn to recognize the image of God in ourselves so we may try to see it in others. We all are on a personal journey of experiencing our full identity in Christ. Why can't we do that alone?
- C. Read Acts 2:42-47. Pray as a group for the Holy Spirit to encourage you to continue to seek community this season and to invite others into that place of freedom. Let's be a church that cares.