

SERMON NOTES

May 4 & 5, 2024

Why Does It Matter?: Community

Matthew 18:20

Question 1: What kind of community do I want to belong to?

Question 2: What is my role in the community?

What kind of community do I want to belong to?

Community...

- Is a place where I can _____ and _____. **Matthew 18:20**
- Consists of people who connect me to a _____. **Mark 2: 3- 5**
- Is a place where the Holy Spirit can _____ of me that are most _____. **Matthew 12:2**
- Consists of people who are open-minded when _____. **Mark 2:28**
- Does not exist to serve _____ but to instead to serve _____. **Mark 10:45**
- Consists of people who _____ others to participate in community.

What is my role in the community?

Pursue _____ and _____ health.

Psalms 139:23-24

1. _____ different communities.

☐ Join a Church

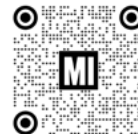
☐ re|engage

☐ Join a small group.

☐ Re generation

☐ GriefShare

2. _____ a yearly Moral Inventory about myself.
pathway.church/moralinventory



Matthew 7:3

3. _____ your moral inventory with a trusted community.

James 5:16

4. _____ Christ by serving _____.

Mark 10:45

☐ Family Ministry

☐ Food Pantry

☐ First Impressions

☐ Foster Closet

Challenge: Pick 1

Life Steps

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Monday

Matthew 18:18-20

Reflect: This passage is a reminder that even when a community is messy, God is there. God is always calling us into places where we can encounter him. Reflect or journal communities where you can be your whole self. If you are still exploring communities, where is God nudging you?

Pray: God, I thank you for designing communities where I can encounter you. I pray others encounter you as they interact with me. Amen

Tuesday

Mark 2:3-5

Reflect: It appears the community who brought the paralytic did not say a word, and yet, their faith ushered in healing. Can you name people that you may know who you experience as having a strong faith? How can you connect with this person this week?

Pray: God, I thank you for the people you have established in my life that point me to a power greater than self. Help me do the same for one more. Amen

Wednesday

Matthew 12:1-2

Reflect: What behaviors do I see that I think are problematic? Why are they problematic? What about me is the most resistant to change?

Pray: God, I thank you for your endless guidance. Search me and reveal any places resistant to change and if it is your will, help me do so. Amen

Thursday

Matthew 18:19-20

Reflect: Where is God calling me to connect outside of worship? Small Group? re|engage? GriefShare? Something else? Go for it!

Pray: God, lead me to the community you have designed for me to grow closer to you and equip me to connect. Amen

Friday

Mark 10:45

Reflect: Serving is where we can experience the truth in this passage and yet even today, it is counterculture. God calls us to be different. If you haven't begun serving, where has God been nudging you to serve? If you have been serving, who can you invite that is not currently serving?

Pray: God, I thank you for giving me everything I need to serve your people. Help me connect one more to your love through serving. Amen

Saturday

James 5:16

Reflect: Confession can be a difficult step to take, and yet in it, we can find healing. Decide when you will be done with your moral inventory. Who will you share it with?

Pray: God, I thank you for fully seeing, loving, and knowing me. Guide me to the community where I will encounter you. Amen

Sunday

Proverbs 31:26

Reflect: In celebration of women and moms, name the women who have spoken life into you that connects you to Christ. How can you celebrate them today?

Pray: God, I thank you for the women who you have sent to me to point me to you. May they feel celebrated on this day, knowing their presence has introduced me to You. Amen