



Message Reflections

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"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35

Read Genesis 1:26-28 and Romans 12:3-8.

God does not exist in isolation. God exists as three eternal persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. One in being, existing in perfect unity as three persons—God is perfect community. In His creation of humanity and in His creation of the church, God made it clear that we are also made for community and connection with each other and with Him.

- Why do you think God hardwired us for community?
- Why do so many people resist His call to live in community?

Jesus modeled community as He called His disciples and invited all types of people to share life with Him. He spent a lot of time around tables simply meeting with people in the normal everyday parts of life. Table fellowship creates a place to move from casual chatting to deep conversation. If disciples of Jesus are to live as He did, we need to spend more time around tables sharing food and life.

- How can sharing meals with other believers grow your connectedness and unity?
- How can inviting spiritually curious people around a table for food, conversation, laughter, and sharing life open the door for them to experience Jesus' presence?

Community is the longing of every human heart. Every person lives with a deep longing to belong, to be loved, to be accepted among others. When we model community, lost people will be drawn to the Church, Christian homes, and clusters of believers who love each other. As they draw near us, we can point them to Jesus, the One who makes our community possible.