

People Need People

Simplify Life #3 – Pastor Gary Combs – 8/24/14 – Romans 12:4-5

Why do we need to be connected to other people?

- Because God _____.
- Because we can't grow spiritually without being _____.

Romans 12:4-5 (GW) ⁴Our bodies have many parts, but these parts don't all do the same thing. ⁵In the same way, even though we are many individuals, Christ makes us one body and individuals who are connected to each other.

How to make connecting to God's people a life commitment:

1. _____ Christ's call to belong.

Romans 12:5 (NLT) ... And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other ...

Ephesians 2:19 (Living) ... you belong in God's household with every other Christian.

2. _____ Christ's gifts with His people.

Acts 2:44 (NLT) And all the believers met together constantly and shared everything they had.

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Acts 2:42 (NIV) They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

3. _____ Christ's family as your own.

Romans 12:10 (GW) Be devoted to each other like a loving family.

Ephesians 2:19 (NLT) ... You are members of God's family.

1 John 4:20-21 (GW) Whoever says, "I love God," but hates another believer is a liar. People who don't love other believers, whom they have seen, can't love God, whom they have not seen. Christ has given us this commandment: The person who loves God must also love other believers.