

Series: Traveling in Packs: Finding Community In Your Personal Life

Message: Community and Communion

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23-31

Speaker: Randy Pope

Date: 19 January 2014

First One - "The Essence Of Biblical Community" Acts 2

1. 4 Activities

- 1) devotion to Apostle's teaching
- 2) fellowship
- 3) breaking of bread
- 4) prayer

2. Evidenced by:

- 1) taking care of one another
- 2) socializing with one another
- 3) attracting those outside the faith

Last Week - "The Benefits Of Biblical Community" Ecclesiastes 4

1. The assistance of others
2. The comfort of others
3. The protection of others

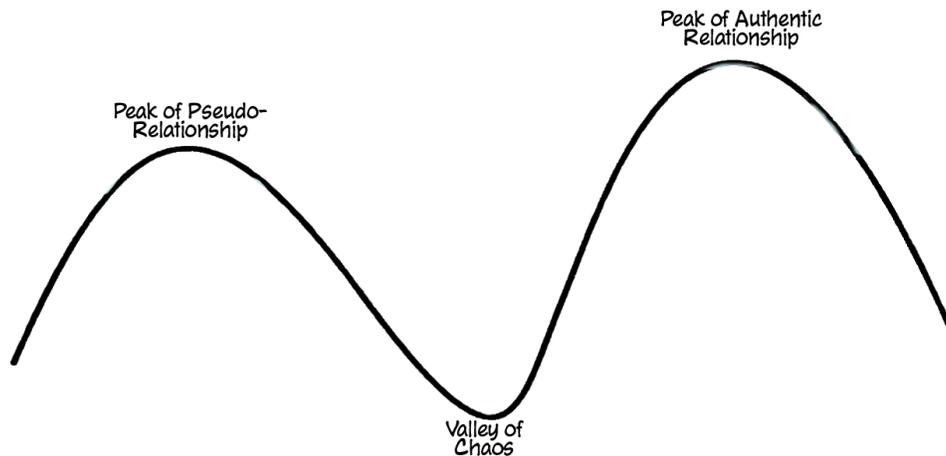
The church cannot give you biblical community; it can only put you in environments where biblical community can be pursued.

3 kinds of friends needed

- 1) Many supportive friends
- 2) A few significant friends
- 3) The one and only Supernatural Friend

This Week - "Community and Communion"

An authentic community is willing to experience the discomfort and pain required to avoid pseudo-community.



Community and Communion

Communion: The Lord uniting Christians as individuals with each other and with Jesus Christ.

Communion of saints: The relationship that exists between Christians made holy by their link to Christ.

The Picture of Communion

1. This Picture Can Only Be Clearly Understood When Viewed Within The Historic Setting Of The Passover. Exodus 12-13

Exodus 12:14

¹⁴ *'Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance.*

Exodus 12:41

⁴¹ *And at the end of four hundred and thirty years, to the very day, all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.*

Exodus 13:3

³ *Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you went out from Egypt, from the house of slavery; for by a powerful hand the LORD brought you out from this place. And nothing leavened shall be eaten.*

- 1) Redemption
- 2) Release
- 3) Remembrance

2. Christ Intended That The Updated Picture Left Would Serve As Both A Remembrance And A Proclamation. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

²⁵ In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The table is the proclamation of God's Word in picture form designed, like the Bible, to be a means of grace to enhance one's faith.

1 Corinthians 11:26

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

3. The Picture Was Left With A Warning Of Specific Consequences For Abusing The Table. 1 Corinthians 11:27-31

1 Corinthians 11:27

²⁷ Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 11:29

²⁹ For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.

1 Corinthians 11:28

²⁸ But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

1 Corinthians 11:31

³¹ But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.