

# 30 Day Church Challenge

## Connecting in Community Groups

1-17-16

### 1. What is a Community Group?

**Acts 2:42-47** - They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

ekklesia (Church) actually means: **An assembly or gathering.**

- **Devoted means:** To be earnest toward, to persevere, be constantly diligent, or to attend tirelessly all the exercises.

### 2. What do you do in a Community Group?

**1 Thessalonians 5:11** - Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

- **Encourage means:** To call near, invite, invoke.
- **Build up means:** To be a house-builder, construct, confirm.

- \_\_\_\_\_ together spiritually.
- \_\_\_\_\_ for each other.
- \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.

### 3. What is the reason for our togetherness?

*Definition of “Togetherness”:* Warm fellowship, as among members of a family.

**Psalm 133:1-3** - How good and pleasant it is when **brothers** live **together** in **unity!** <sup>2</sup> It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. <sup>3</sup> It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

**A. We Share a common \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Psalm 133:1** - How good and pleasant it is when **brothers** live together in unity!

**B. We share a common \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Psalm 133:2** - It is like precious **oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes.**

**1 Corinthians 12:12-13** - The body is **a unit**, though it is made up of **many parts**; and though all its parts are many, they form **one body**. So it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by **one Spirit into one body** – whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

**Romans 12:4-8** - Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. <sup>7</sup> If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

**C. We share a common \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Psalm 133:2** - It is like precious **oil poured** on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes.

- **Anointing oil is a symbol of the anointing of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament.**
- **Aaron is a type of Christ.**
- **When the head was anointed, the body was anointed. When the anointing was on Jesus it is on His Body, the Church. The head of Christ so that we would have the mind of Christ. The heart so we would have the emotions of Christ. The collar of his robe the will of Christ.**

**Psalm 133:1** - How good and pleasant. . .

**4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of togetherness.**

**Psalm 133:3** - It is as if the **dew** of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

- **The type of farming in the land of Israel is called, "*Dry farming.*" They had no irrigation.**
- **It brings freshness and fruitfulness, not only to you personally, but in your family and community.**