

# REAL WITH OTHERS: CHURCH LIFE

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace... *1 Peter 4:10 ESV*

## CELEBRATION

\_\_\_\_\_ worship – celebration

\_\_\_\_\_ worship – community

### What Do We Do On Sundays?

Communion

Singing

Preaching

Ordinances

### Baptism

What baptism is – a \_\_\_\_\_ of faith

What baptism is not – a \_\_\_\_\_ that saves you

Who we baptize – those who believe and have confessed Jesus as Lord and Savior

How we baptize – by \_\_\_\_\_

Scriptures:

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. **Acts 2:41 ESV**

But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. **Acts 8:12 ESV**

And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days. **Acts 10:48 ESV**

### Communion

And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." **Luke 22:19 ESV**

Communion is a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to reflect and focus on the death of Christ

Why we practice communion

Jesus commanded us to

Follow the example of the early church

To remember the sacrifice of Jesus

To commune with God

# COMMUNITY

The \_\_\_\_\_ of community: discipleship and mission

Discipleship – getting the gospel into \_\_\_\_\_

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**Discipleship At New Hope: Working With One Another So We Become More Like Jesus  
Manifesting His Character  
Obeying His Commands**

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Mission – getting the gospel into \_\_\_\_\_

The \_\_\_\_\_ of community

There is no perfect church

People come in with \_\_\_\_\_

People will feel a \_\_\_\_\_ for self-righteousness (performance)

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## **The Moment You Start Pretending, Growth Stops**

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The \_\_\_\_\_ community

Spiritual Christ-centered community: Our community is not based on \_\_\_\_\_ but on Jesus

Confession of Sin

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**“Sin Demands To Have A Man By Himself. It Withdraws Him From The Community. The More Isolated A Person Is, The More Destructive Will Be The Power Of Sin Over Him And The More Deeply He Becomes Involved In It, The More Disastrous Is His Isolation. Sin Wants To Remain Unknown.”<sup>1</sup>**

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Be a good confessor

Be specific

Know your \_\_\_\_\_

Give context, not \_\_\_\_\_

Be a good \_\_\_\_\_

The Church ought to be a community where we seek one another's growth

**The Command Of Community: “One Another” Verses** *(See back page)*

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<sup>1</sup> Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together* (New York, NY: Harper & Row, 1954), 112

# UNITY

\_\_\_\_\_ **Unity: Unified In Purpose**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Unity: Unified In Belief**

\_\_\_\_\_ **In Unity: Devoting Time, Talent And Treasure To  
Further The Mission And Vision Of New Hope**

Spiritual gifts

Service

Financial support<sup>2</sup>

“A loving church practices generous giving”<sup>3</sup>

Giving supports the work of the church

Giving helps you keep money in its place

Tithing:

Old Testament

10% to Levite’s ministry

10% to festivals

3.3% for the poor

Additional tithes

Total: over 25%

New Testament

\_\_\_\_\_ of our resources belong to God

We give regularly and cheerfully

## \_\_\_\_\_ **For Unity**

As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned. (Titus 3:10-11 ESV)

And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you. (1 Corinthians 5:2 ESV)

For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.” (1 Corinthians 5:12-13 ESV)

We discipline after sin is \_\_\_\_\_ identified, called out and a person is still blatantly \_\_\_\_\_.

Long-term hope of church discipline: \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>2</sup> Adapted from Mark Driscoll and Gerry Breshears, Vintage Church (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2008), 208-209; see also 2 Corinthians 8-9

<sup>3</sup> IBID., 208

## “ONE ANOTHER” COMMANDS

Love – 1 John 4:11 – one another

Romans 12:10 – with brotherly affection

1 Peter 1:22 – from a pure heart

1 Peter 4:8 - earnestly

John 15:12, 17 – as I have loved you

1 John 3:11, 23; 4:7; 2 John 1:5

Sharing Life

1 Peter 5:5 – clothe self with humility toward

Ephesians 4:2 – bear in love (with all humility and gentleness, with patience)

Mark 9:50 – be at peace

Romans 15:5 – live in harmony (12:16)

Ephesians 4:32 – be kind

Colossians 3:13 – forgive (Ephesians 4:32)

Ephesians 5:2 – submit

Encouragement

1 Thessalonians 4:18 – encourage (5:11)

2 Corinthians 13:11 – comfort

1 Corinthians 12:25 – have care

1 Peter 4:10 – use gift to serve

Galatians 6:2 – bear burdens

Hebrews 10:25 – encourage (and meet)

Accountability

Hebrews 10:24 – consider (how to stir up to love and good works)

Romans 15:14 – instruct

James 5:16 – confess sins

Hebrews 3:13 – exhort (that you might not be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin)

Colossians 3:16 – teach and admonish in wisdom

Service

1 Thessalonians 5:15 – do good (don't repay evil for evil)

John 13:14 – wash feet

Galatians 5:13 – serve

1 Peter 4:9 – show hospitality

Romans 12:10 – outdo in showing honor

Romans 15:7 – accept

Do-nots

James 4:11- do not speak evil

James 5:9 – do not grumble

Colossians 3:9 – do not lie

Galatians 5:26 – do not provoke, envy

1 Corinthians 6:7 – do not have lawsuits

2 Corinthians 10:12 – do not compare