



#3 Gospel-Formed Community



Two Key Aspects:

1. Grasping the GOSPEL **PROPELS US** to be part of community
2. Being part of true gospel community helps **FORM** the GOSPEL inside us

KEY TRUTH: The Gospel of Christ has the power to transform our relationships within the church – how we see and relate to others in our spiritual family.

Psalm 68:5-6 (NIV) *A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families...*

Acts 2:46-47 (NIV) *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, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV) *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Galatians 4:19 (NIV) *My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you...*

Philippians 2:3-4, 12 (NIV) *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

Christ-like Attitudes that Gospel Community helps form in us:

- **HUMILITY** = viewing yourself and others as God does and considering others to be more important (Philippians 2:3)
- **GRATEFULNESS** = expressing thankfulness to God for all we receive from Him (1 Corinthians 4:7)
- **KINDNESS** = relating to each other in honoring and respectful ways (Ephesians 4:32)
- **PATIENCE** = bearing with each other's faults, flaws, sins, and weaknesses (Romans 15:1)
- **OPENNESS** = trustfully growing in transparent honesty, willing even to uncover sin (James 5:15)
- **REPENTANCE** = turning away from sinful patterns of relating to each other (Ephesians 4:31)
- **ACCEPTANCE, GRACE & FORGIVENESS** = welcoming people as they are, offering them unconditional respect, and refusing to hold a grudge against them when they offend you; instead, releasing them from the obligation of their offense (Ephesians 4:32)
- **PRIORITY** = seeking to do good, especially to others in God's family (Galatians 6:10)
- **SERVICE** = willingly expending oneself to help others become truly successful (2 Corinthians 12:15)

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