

Notes for the word section week beginning Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>

## Why we need each other...

### Summary:

*I need others to walk with me*

The Christian life is often likened to a walk, we are on the move, it is active and we have a destination to reach. When travelling with others it is safer, there is support and we learn from each other. We each walk at different speeds so we need to intentional co-operate remembering that god said 'it is not good for man to be alone'. Community is God's answer to loneliness.

*I need others to work with me*

Each person had God given talents and abilities and God ordained things for us to do. However if we try and do it all in our own it is easy to get tired... the task is too big. Community is God's answer to fatigue.

*I need others to watch with me*

We all need people to be on the lookout for us. We have an enemy who wants to see us defeated and messed up; he wants to tie us up in habits we can't break, hurts we can't forgive and hang ups we can't change. Community is God's answer to defeat

*I need others to wait and weep with me*

It is inevitable that we will all go through crisis in our life. We do not have to fix each other's problems we just have to be there. (Tears are the tip that it is time to stop and pray) Community is God's answer to despair.

*I need others to witness with me*

We have the message of life that needs to be shared with the world. Jesus said that if people see our love for one another then they will know that we are His disciples. Though we might tremble at the task community is God's answer to fear.

Ultimately God is all we need but when we look at Him we see God is community; God loves to dwell among His community; God gives power to his community; God has a global task for His community and God will return for His community!

### Application:

Please select from the following questions and do not attempt them all. Encourage everyone to take part and be honest. Make sure there is time to pray for each other.

1. What did God say to you on Sunday and what are you going to do about it?
2. What have you read in the 'better together' book that has really grabbed you?
3. How do you overcome the urge to be independent?
4. Can you be a Christian and not go to church? Explain
5. Who is watching out for you and who are you watching out for?
6. What tips can you share on telling each other the truth even when it is difficult?
7. What would you really like from the community that you are not getting?