

## Neighborhood Watch Develop a Community of Support

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Matthew 7:24-27

24 “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. 25 Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock.

### The power of the other!

#### Are You a Thermometer or a Thermostat?

One reads the temperature, and one sets the temperature!

**Authentic Community** is more about experiences and relationships.

**Biblical Community** is the life of Christ on earth today. When the church is fully functioning, it exudes the presence, power, and purpose of Jesus Christ.

#### Jesus had circles of community support:

- Jesus **reached** into **His Inner circle** (Peter, James and John) The Ones.
- Jesus **shared** with His **Grow Group** (12 Disciples) The Tens.
- Jesus **reached out** to the **Crowds**. (the Multitudes) The Hundreds.

Luke 9:1-10 Jesus reached out to Zacchaeus.

### 5 Ways to Develop a Healthy Christian Community

#### The Power of the other!

Hebrews 10:24-25

<sup>24</sup> Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. <sup>25</sup> And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

#### 1. SUPPORT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

James 5:16

<sup>16</sup> Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

- We all need a Truth Teller in our life!

#### 2. SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

- Your story helps others grow in their faith story!

#### 3. FELLOWSHIP

Romans 15:5

<sup>5</sup> May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus.

- There is nothing more powerful than table ministry.

#### 4. SERVING TOGETHER

Matthew 20:28

<sup>28</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

- Serving alongside others makes an eternal difference.

#### 5. ENCOURAGEMENT

1 Thessalonians 5:11

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

- To encourage someone means to give strength and validation.

#### The Challenge

Colossians 1:26-28

<sup>27</sup> For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is **the secret**: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of **sharing** his glory.<sup>28</sup> So we **tell others** about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ.

1. You have a secret that needs to be shared with others!
2. Be in a community where there teaching and wisdom from God.
3. Find a truth teller that cares about your eternal future!

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Prayer – Care – Share