

HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Survivor Oregon #5

“I Need People To Share Life With”

Genesis 2:18 (NIV) *It is not good for the man to be alone.*

Metaphors for the Church – Being connected is like:

1. Being a _____

Ephesians 2:19-22 (NIV) ¹⁹ *Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*

In a building all the connected parts _____

2. Being a _____

Romans 12:4-5 (NLT) ⁴ *Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, ⁵ so it is with Christ’s body. We are all parts of his one body, and each of us has different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others.*

1 Corinthians 12:21,26 (NIV) ²¹ *The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!”*

²⁶ *If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.*

In a body all the parts _____

Colossians 2:19 (NLT) *For we are joined together in his body by his strong sinews, and we grow only as we get our nourishment and strength from God.*

3. Being a _____

Psalm 100:3 (NIV) *Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

John 10:11-15,27 (NIV) (Jesus said) ¹¹ *I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.*

²⁷ *My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.*

In a flock the sheep are _____

1 Peter 5:2 (NLT) *Care for the flock of God entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God.*

4. Being a _____

1 Timothy 3:14-15 (NCV) ¹⁴ *Although I hope I can come to you soon, I am writing these things to you now. ¹⁵ Then, even if I am delayed, you will know how to live in the family of God. That family is the church of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth.*

Romans 12:10 (NCV) *Love each other like brothers and sisters.*

In a family the members _____

February memory verse: John 15:5 (NIV) *I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*