

The Gospel and Community

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Last week Caleb preached on “Why Gospel?” and we looked at three aspects of the power, purpose and practice of God’s Word. The conclusion was that “our life itself depends upon living out the gospel on a daily basis.”

How is this gospel to be lived? It is lived in relationships – within the community of believers and without in the community of society.

Understand You Are A Part of Something _____

We were all born into a community, a culture, a family, relationships and society.

God intended it to be this way, because He is relationship- Genesis 1:26

Note the first “not good” recorded in His Word – “not good for man to be alone.” Life was meant to be shared and lived with others. Are you aware that life is not about you?

Understand You Are To Be A Part, A _____

Proverbs 27:17 says, “As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.”

John 1:14 says, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”

Philippians 2:7 says, “becoming in the likeness of man”

Jesus lives in relationship – He lives in community – He identifies with us personally.

Understand You Are Given _____

Why community? Because we are to be a demonstration – a witness to the world!

There are at least two parts to our purpose. Part of the mission is found in Hebrews 10:23-25 and part in Matthew 28:20. Note: We were never meant to go it alone.

Okay then, how is this to be realized in our lives?

Communion is a picture of the gospel and how we are to live it. Communion is a picture of how we receive eternal life and we live this life with eternity in view.