

June 10 | Sunday

Living in Community

Read [Mark 9:2-8](#) and [2 Corinthians 6:1-10](#)



11 | Mon – Can I get your autograph? | Read [Mark 9:2-9, 14-28](#)

Have you ever experienced a sense of community like Peter, James and John did on the mountain? Imagine how it felt for them to be in the presence of such heroes. Of course, you want to stay there but what did Jesus do next? It is much easier to spend time with people you enjoy, those who encourage and build you up, than to associate with those who are needy but Jesus rightly demonstrated how those blessings must be used to help others. Can you think of someone you might be able to bless today?

12 | Tue – A common word | Read [Acts 2:42-47](#)

How would you define the word *community*? The American Heritage Scientific Dictionary has an interesting definition: *“a group of organisms or populations living and interacting with one another in a particular environment. The organisms in the community affect each other’s abundance, distribution and adaptation.”* What does *that* mean? While the authors might be talking about an ecosystem, how could this apply to a community of people? In what ways is the Acts description of the first believers similar to your church today?

13 | Wed – Who do you hang out with? | Read [Hebrews 10:23-25](#)

When you were young, your ‘community’ might have been your family, friends at school, your neighborhood, sports team or Scouts. As you grew older, your ‘community’ probably became academic, political, work or hobby related. What communities are you a part of now? The most important community you belong to is your spiritual community. How are they helping you mature as a follower of Jesus? How are you helping others grow?

14 | Thu – Your attitudes are showing | Read [Romans 12:16](#) and [2 Cor. 5:16-17](#)

Have you ever fallen into the trap of judging others because they may be of a lower position - less educated, articulate, well dressed or knowledgeable? It can easily happen. How did Jesus regard those who were ‘lower’ than he was? Read a few examples of his conversations with lepers, prostitutes, political misfits. What can you do to help yourself and those around you avoid un-Jesuslike manners toward others?

15 | Fri – Your attitudes are showing, part 2 | Read [Romans 15:1-7](#)

One of the best ways to think rightly about another person is found in these verses from Romans. When reading about Jesus in the gospels, what kind of attitudes do you notice about him? How did Jesus speak to and treat those who were not as holy or as well-spoken or as authentic as he was? Take what you learn and put it into practice. God will send people to you who need to see Jesus in the flesh.

16 | Sat – Me? | Read [2 Corinthians 5:18-21](#) and [6:3](#)

God’s mission is to reconcile every single person to Himself, if they are willing. When you are reconciled with God, you then have the honor of being His ambassador. The better you get to know God, the more clearly you can represent this amazing Person in your every encounter. One of the ways you can do this is to refrain from anything that would make another person think less of Him. Frequently you may hear (or say) “can God be trusted?” Today, ask yourself this question “can God trust *me*?”