Sermon Notes  
Sunday, April 19, 2009  

Week 1: “WHY WE NEED EACH OTHER”

“So we, numerous as we are, are one body in Christ (the Messiah) and individually we are parts one of another [mutually dependent on one another].”  
Rom. 12:5b (AMP)

1. I NEED OTHERS TO WALK WITH ME.

“Just as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him…”  
Col. 2:6-7 (ESV)

“It is not good for man to be alone.”  
Gen. 2:18 (NLT)

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

“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together… Instead, let us encourage one another.”  
Heb. 10:25a (TEV)

- God addresses loneliness through community.

“When you gather, each one of you be prepared with something useful for all: Sing a hymn, teach a lesson, tell a story, lead a prayer, provide an insight… Take your turn, with no one person taking over. That way… you all learn from each other.”  
1 Cor. 14:26, 30-31(Mes)

“As each part does its work, it helps the other parts grow, so Christ’s whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”  
Eph. 4:16 (NLT)

“Open your homes to each other without complaining.”  
1 Peter 4:9 (TEV)

2. I NEED OTHERS TO WORK WITH ME.

“God made us to do good works, which He planned in advance for us to live our lives doing.”  
Eph. 2:10 (NCV)

“Two people are better than one, because they get more done by working together.”  
Eccl. 4:9 (NCV)

- God addresses fatigue through community.

“Every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.”  
Gal. 6:10 (Mes)
3. I NEED OTHERS TO WATCH OUT FOR ME.

“Look out for one another's interests, not just for your own.” Ph. 2:4 (TEV)

“Keep being concerned about each other as the Lord's followers should.” Heb. 13:1 (CEV)

“A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.” Eccl. 4:12 (NLT)

- God addresses defeat through community.

“If one person falls, another can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble.” Eccl. 4:10 (NLT)

4. I NEED OTHERS TO WAIT AND WEEP WITH ME.

“You should be like one big family, full of sympathy toward each other...” 1 Peter 3:8a (LB)

“If one member suffers, all suffer together.” 1 Cor. 12:26 (ESV)

- God addresses despair through community.

“Be happy with those who are happy, weep with those who weep.” Rom. 12:15 (TEV)

“Encourage each other and strengthen one another.” 1 Th. 5:11 (GW)

5. I NEED OTHERS TO WITNESS WITH ME.

“Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” John 13:35 (NLT)

“The Holy Spirit doesn’t want you to be afraid of people, but to be wise and strong, and to love them and enjoy being with them.” 2 Tim. 1:7 (LB)

- God addresses fear through community.

“...You are working together and struggling side by side to get others to believe the Good News.” Ph. 1:27b (CEV)