

FIGHTING FOR (NOT WITH) EACH OTHER

Philippians 1.27, 28 // January 17, 2021

COMMUNITY IS GOD’S IDEA

**True friendship calls you out of the darkness of personal privacy
into the loving candor of mutual concern.**

It moves you from being a sealed envelope to being an open letter.

-Paul Tripp, Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands

God Himself IS a communal God, and He has wired us to be together, because we are in His image! Interestingly, He even has said it is not good that we be alone, yet, we weren’t ACTUALLY alone. He was there! But God had designed us to be with others who are like us, and interestingly as well, He said that before sin even came into existence.

**Your need for help is not a result of the fall,
But the result of being human. You are not God.**

WE NEED EACH OTHER

Hebrews 3:13

**Our hearts are not private property, but communal property.
Though our faith is personal, it is not private.**

-Kyle Strobel

We have a perverse ability to feel good about things that are not good...We are blind to our own blindness. And the spiritually blind person walks around believing that no one has a more accurate view of themselves than they do...We need daily intervention...Each of us, whether pastors or congregants, needs the eyes of others in order to see ourselves with clarity and accuracy. And what is this daily ministry of intervention protecting us from? From becoming spiritually blinded to the point of the hardening of our hearts. **Our own hearts deceive us.**

– Paul Tripp, “Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands”

MOVING FORWARD

Community Groups: If your group is offering to meet in person and you can safely do so, go for it! If you would like to get into a CG, but don’t want to meet in person yet, please let us know.

Fight Club: “Fight Clubs” are what we call get togethers that are usually 1 on 1 or maybe 3 or 4 people that get together to “Fight for the Gospel for Each Other.” Make the effort to do this outdoors or on Zoom. If your Community Group is all Zoom, for instance, but there is another couple you could get together with, make the effort to do so.

2 Timothy 2:2, 22

NOTES:

QUESTIONS to CONSIDER

1. Who are you accountable to and who truly knows you? Who frequently confronts your blind spots and sin? Does the relationship point you to Jesus and the Gospel and help you “put on the armor” for you when it’s too heavy and you are too weak? If no one, why not? Where’s the road block?
2. When was the last time you asked someone to speak into your life concerning sin and blind spots? When they do, what was your response?
3. Ask these people if they feel comfortable confronting you, or if they avoid it because they either fear you will become angry, defensive, or very hurt.

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

Jeremiah 15:16

Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Philippians 1.27, 28**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Read through the questions in the "Notes" section. In what ways have others helped you see blind spots and areas of your life that need change?

Your Life Mission

It has already been a rough start to 2021. There are many who are looking for hope for a better year, but we know that the changing of a number alone can't do that. But we do have hope to give. Which relationships or get-togethers might be in your future that you would like prayer for, to help them hopefully see their need for the Prince of Peace in their lives?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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