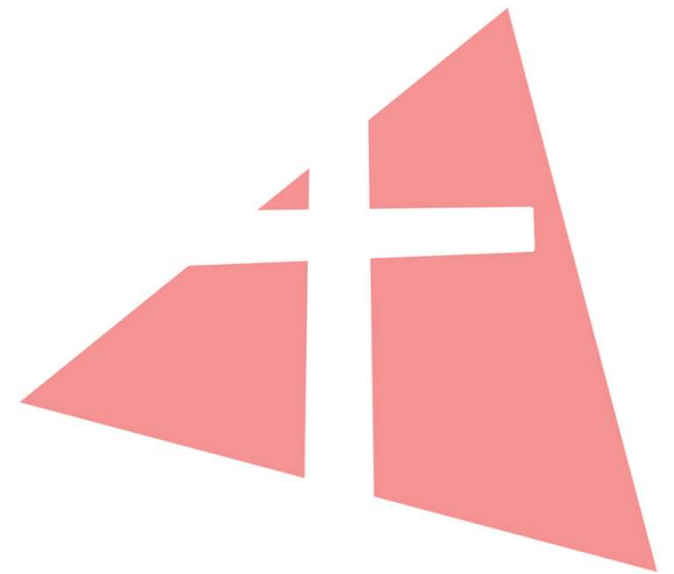


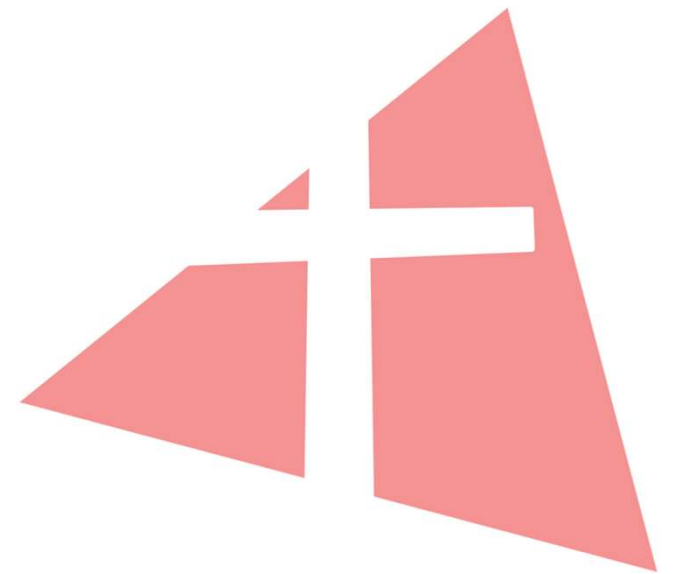
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Community

- **The Bible uses many different terms that describe what we call “Community”**
 - Love
 - Unity
 - One another
 - Fellowship



Jesus on Community

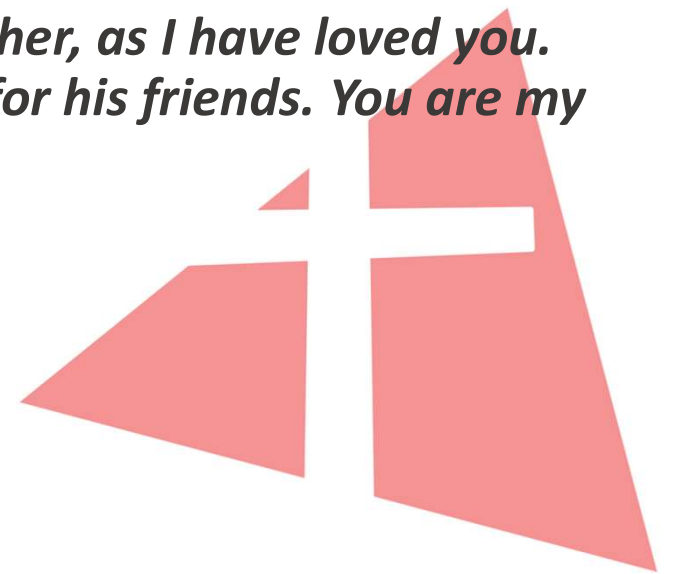
John 13:14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet; you also ought to wash one another's feet.

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give unto you, That you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another.



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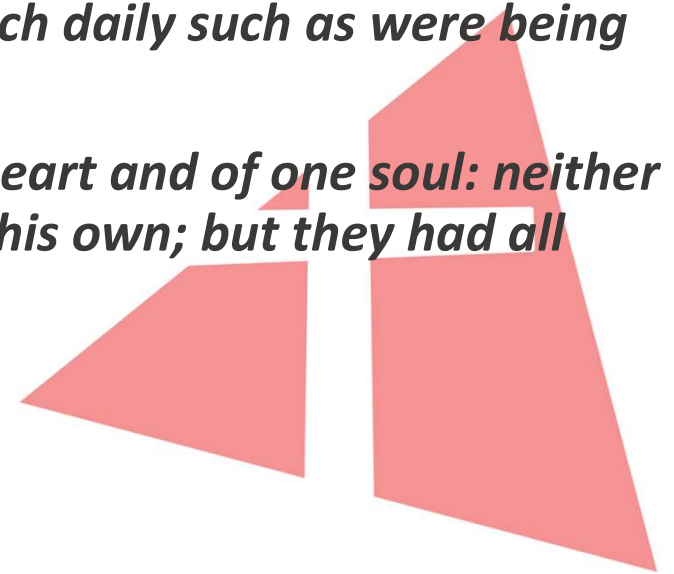
John 15:12-14 This is my commandment, That you love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you.



The Book of Acts

Acts 2:46-47 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their food with gladness and sincerity of heart, Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved.

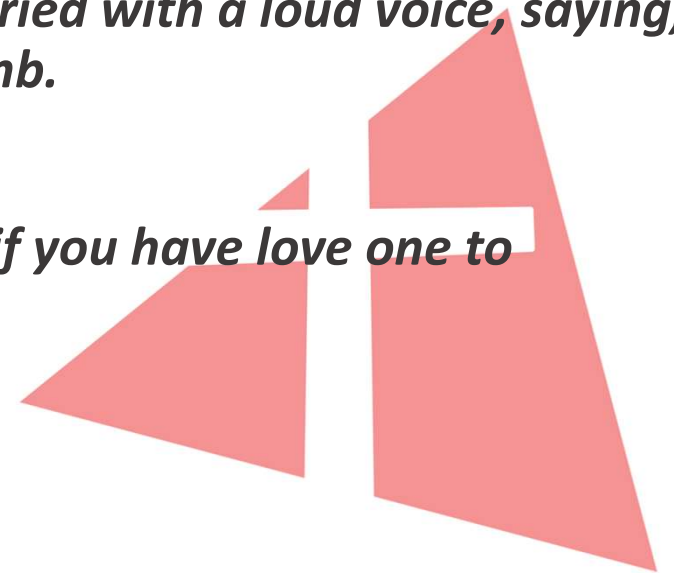
Acts 4:32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that any of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.



Eternity

Revelation 7:9-10 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and tribes, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God who sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

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Evidence of Faith

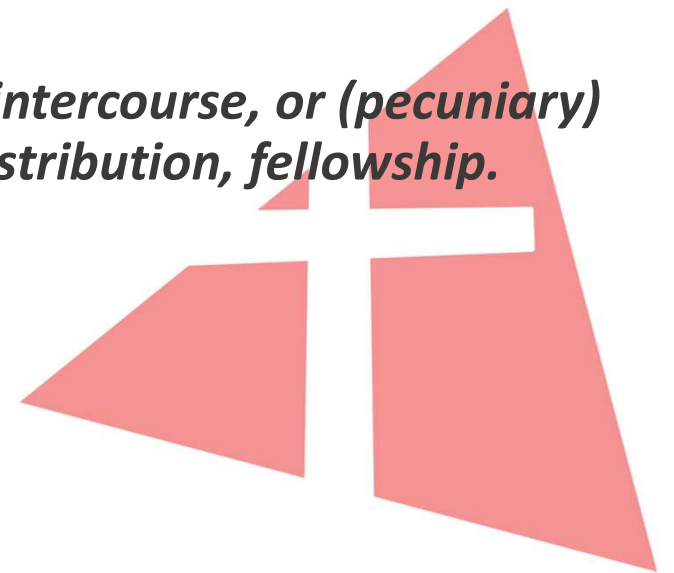
John 13:20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receives whomsoever I send receives me; and he that receives me receives him that sent me.

Hebrews 10:24-27 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as you see the day approaching. For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful expectation of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Fellowship

- κοινωνία koinōnía, koy-nohn-ee'-ah
from G2844; partnership, i.e. (literally) participation, or (social) intercourse, or (pecuniary) benefaction:—(to) communicate(-ation), communion, (contri-)distribution, fellowship.



Results of Community

- Praising God together

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.



Results of Community

- Supporting each other in time of need

Hebrews 13:16 But to do good and to share forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.



Results of Community

- Learning together/Teaching one another

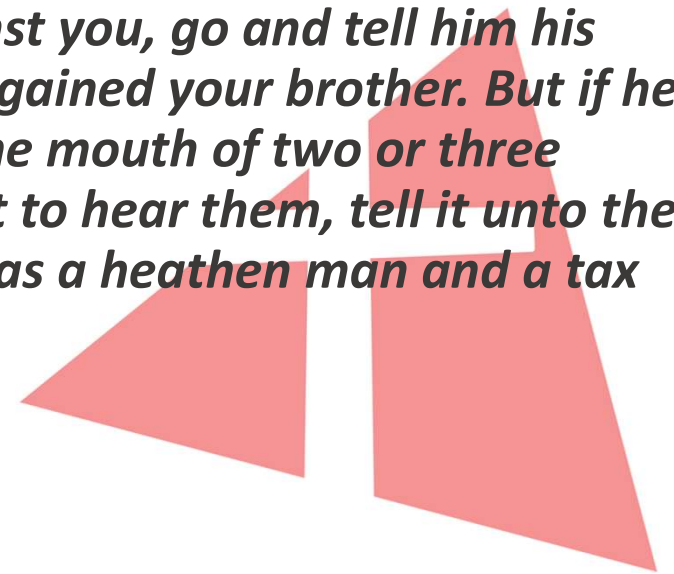
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Results of Community

- Correcting one another

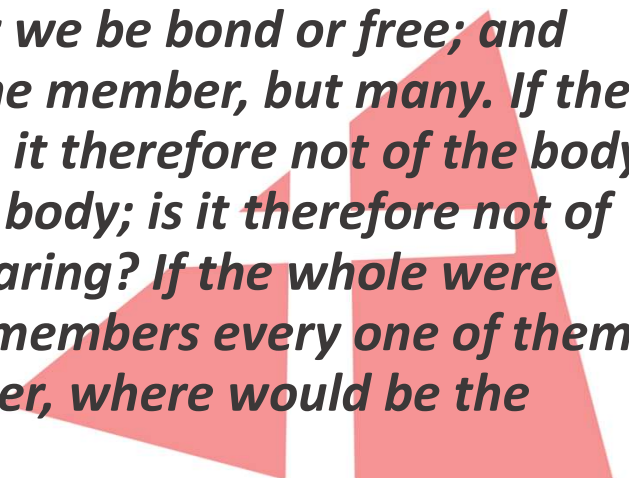
Matthew 18:15-17 Moreover if your brother shall trespass against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone: if he shall hear you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear you, then take with you one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto you as a heathen man and a tax collector.



Results of Community

- Working together

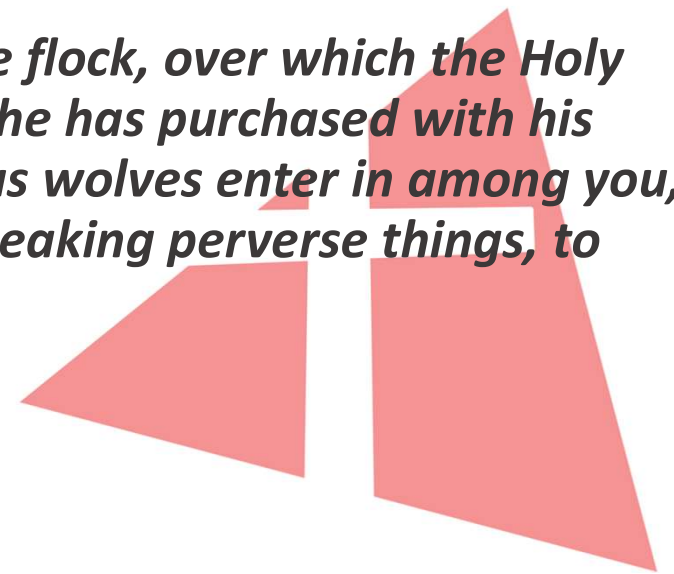
1 Corinthians 12:12-20 For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit were we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? But now has God set the members every one of them in the body, as it has pleased him. And if they were all one member, where would be the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body.



Results of Community

- Protecting each other

Acts 20:28-30 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he has purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.



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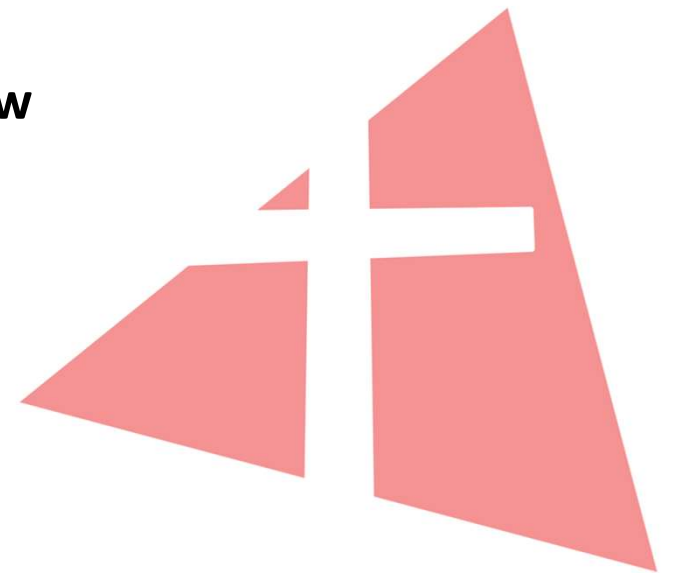
- **Bringing Glory to God**

1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God.



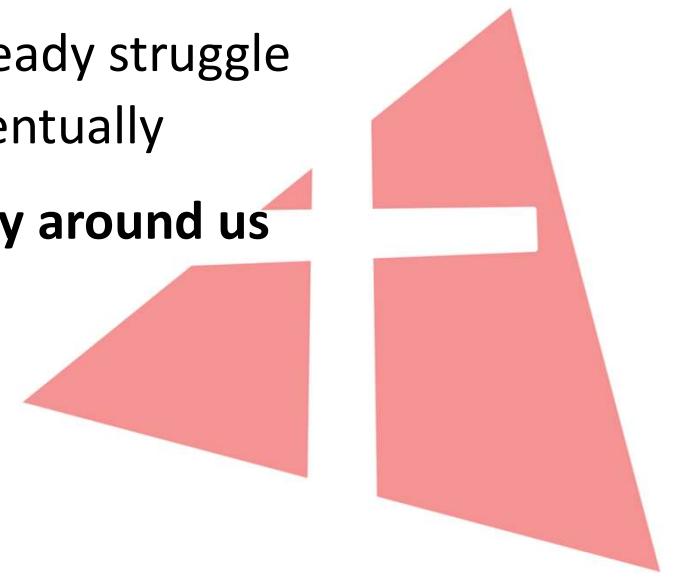
From Our Experience

- **Without communication, frictions and misunderstandings grow**



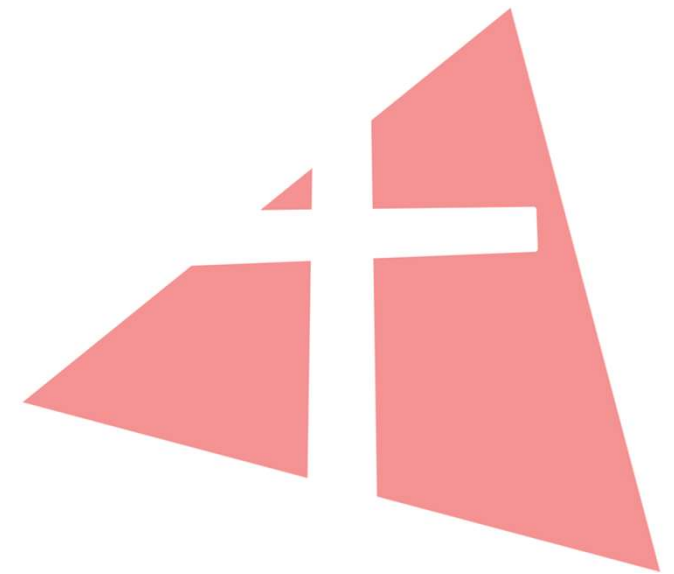
From Our Experience

- **People without community usually struggle in their Faith**
 - Either they withdraw from the community because they already struggle
 - Or they withdraw from the community first and struggle eventually
- **We wouldn't have made it in Shanghai without the community around us**



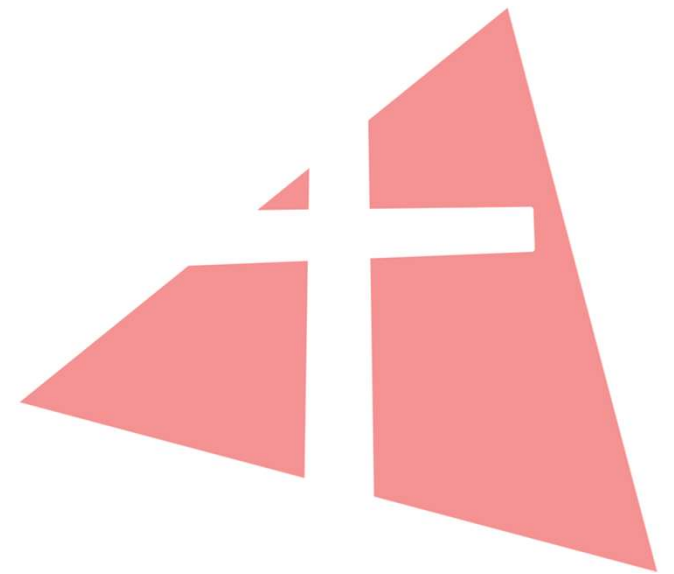
Our Mindset

- **Excuses**
 - What if there's somebody annoying?
 - I didn't get much out of the last few meetings
 - ...
- **Community is not only about “what can I get”**
- **Community is also about “what can I contribute to others”**
- **Community is for God's Glory**



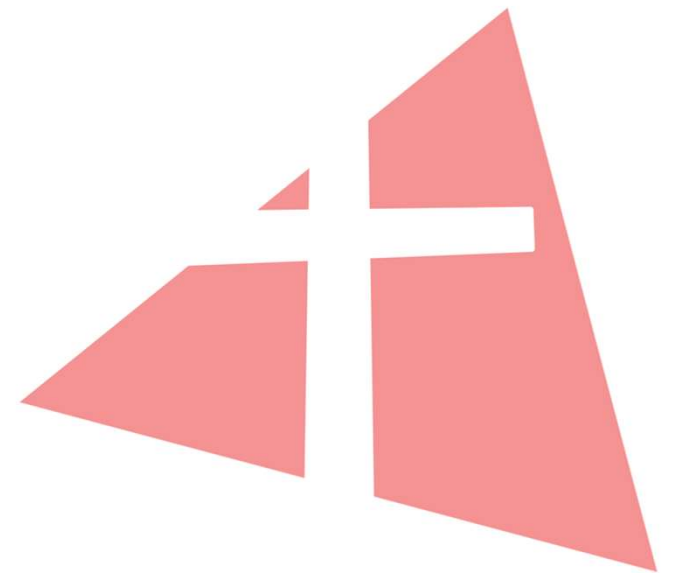
A Different Church Model

- **No meetings**
- **Just having an “open home”**



In Conclusion

- **Coming on Sunday is not enough to build community**
- **We need to spend time with each other throughout the week**
- **Without healthy community, our Faith cannot grow**
 - Without community, we won't reach heaven





Holy
COMMUNION

REMEMBER **HIS** SACRIFICE