

# Belonging to a Community

*Tough Stuff – Difficult to Belong – The need for genuine community*

## *Introduction*

### **#1 The church is a \_\_\_\_\_ Community**

*Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, 21 to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.*

#### **1<sup>st</sup> We're to D\_\_\_\_\_ big for our church**

*Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think*

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> We're to D\_\_\_\_\_ on the Spirit, not ourselves**

*according to the power that works within us,*

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> We're to D\_\_\_\_\_ ourselves to His glory**

*21 to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus*

#### **4<sup>th</sup> We're to D\_\_\_\_\_ the next generation**

*to all generations forever and ever. Amen.*

### **#2 The church is a \_\_\_\_\_ community**

*Romans 12:4 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.*

### **#3 The Church is a \_\_\_\_\_ community**

*Romans 12:5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.*

*Romans 12:16 be of the same mind toward one another*

*Romans 13:8 love one another*

*Romans 14:13 let us not judge one another anymore*

*Romans 14:19 building up of one another.*

*Romans 15:7 accept one another*

*Romans 15:14 admonish one another.*

*Ephesians 4:32 be kind to one another*

*Ephesians 5:21 be subject to one another*

*I Peter 4:9 be hospitable to one another*

*James 5:16 confess your sins to one another*

*Colossians 3:13 forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.*

## #4 The church is a \_\_\_\_\_ community

*I Peter 4:10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God*

*I Corinthians 12:7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

**1-Every single Christian has a special giftedness** *as each one*

**2-Gifts are assigned by God** *has received – is given*

**3-Gifts are for service to other Christians in the church** *employ it in serving one another - for the common good*

**4-Gifts are a picture of who God is to each other** *the manifestation of the Spirit - manifold grace of God*

**1<sup>st</sup> The true church is not a \_\_\_\_\_ event**

**2<sup>nd</sup> The true Church focuses on spiritual \_\_\_\_\_**

*I Corinthians 12:21 the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 25 that there should be no division in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.*

**3<sup>rd</sup> The true Church is made up entirely of \_\_\_\_\_**

*Ephesians 4:11-12 pastors and teachers are ...12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;*

## #5 The church is a \_\_\_\_\_ community

*Ephesians 4:11 pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saint*

*Ephesians 4:16b says according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.*

## #6 The church is a \_\_\_\_\_ community

*I Peter 2:9 you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light*

**1 – You can't be a part of the bride, unless you know the \_\_\_\_\_**

**2 – Functioning in a church community is different than \_\_\_\_\_**

**3 – Become a \_\_\_\_\_ of the church**

**EXTRA STUDY: Read [Stop Dating the Church](#) by Joshua Harris or [Read City on a Hill](#) by Philip Graham Ryken**

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