

YOU'VE GOT TO GET CONNECTED TO GOD'S FAMILY

Part 3 of 10
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I. WHY IS IT VITAL TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS?

"It is not good for man to be alone."

Genesis 2:18

* **God's word for "connecting with others"** _____

* **Fellowship is** _____ **God's** _____.

"The person who loves God must also love other believers." 1 John 4:21

II. WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE SPIRITUALLY CONNECTED?

4 metaphors for being part of a church

1. IT'S LIKE BEING A _____.

"You believers are like a building that God owns... Jesus is the most important stone in the building and the whole building is joined together in Christ... You are being built into a place where God lives through the Spirit." Eph 2:20+22 (ICB)

"We who believe are carefully joined together, becoming a holy temple for the Lord." Eph 2:21 (NLT)

In a BUILDING: the connected parts _____ each other.

2. IT'S LIKE BEING A _____.

"Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ's Body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others." Rom 12:4-5 (LB)

Five spiritual truths:

* We're all _____.

* We all have _____ to play.

* We are all _____ to make the body complete.

* We all _____ to each other.

* We all need to be _____ to each other.

In a BODY: all the parts grow _____.

"We are joined together in His Body by His strong sinews, and we grow as we get our nourishment and strength from God." Col 2:19 (NLT)

3. IT'S LIKE BEING A _____.

"God made us, and we are His. We are His people, the sheep of His pasture." Psalm 100:3 (NLT)

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." John 10:11 (NIV)

In a FLOCK: the sheep are _____ and _____ for.

"Take care of God's flock, His people, that you are responsible for. Watch over them because you want to, not because you are forced to do it." 1 Peter 5:2 (ICB)

4. IT'S LIKE BEING A _____.

"I want you to know how people who are members of God's family must live. God's family is the church." 1 Tim 3:15 (GWT)

"Love each other like brothers and sisters." Rom 12:10 (NCV)

In a FAMILY: the members _____ each other.

How can I get connected to **this** church family?

"First they gave themselves to the Lord; and then, by God's will, they gave themselves to us as well." 2 Cor 8:5 (GN)

****Mark your calendar. All four services will be combined on November 12, Celebration Sunday. ****