

“THE LORD’S PRAYER – GETTING CONNECTED”

Introduction: “It is not good for man _____.”

Romans 12:5 (GW) “Even though we are many individuals, Christ makes us one body and individuals who are connected to each other.”

- Spiritual life is all about _____.

THREE METAPHORS FOR SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS

1. IT IS LIKE BEING BUILT INTO _____.

Ephesians 2:22 (ESV) “In Christ you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.”

- In a building the thousands of parts have _____.
- On a building site there are a lot of _____.

Ephesians 2: 20-22 (GW) “You are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Christ Jesus Himself is the cornerstone. In Him all the parts of the building fit together and grow into a holy temple in the Lord. Through Him you are being built in the Spirit together with others into a place where God lives.”

- In a building a disconnected frame has _____.

2. IT IS LIKE BEING JOINED INTO _____.

Ephesians 4:25 (The Message) “In Christ’s Body we are all connected to each other.”

- Connection is not to God but to _____.

Romans 12: 4-5 (LB) “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.”

- Four things about spiritual connections

1. In the church we have many _____.

2. In the church we _____.

3. You cannot grow spiritually _____.

4. In the church a disconnected body part _____.

3. IT IS LIKE BEING ATTACHED TO _____.

John 15:4 (GW) [Jesus] “Live in Me and I will live in you. A branch cannot produce any fruit by itself. It has to stay attached to the vine. In the same way, you cannot produce fruit unless you live in Me.”

- A disconnected branch cannot _____.

CONCLUSION: *Koinonia* means _____.

I Corinthians 1:10 (NCV) “I beg you, brothers and sister,... to be completely joined together by having the same kind of thinking and the same purpose.”

- Small group connecting
 - 40 Days of Purpose
 - 40 Days of Community
 - First Base Class 101
 - Second Base Class 201
 - Third Base Class 301
 - Just Walk Across the Room
- Bible study groups as scheduled.

II Corinthians 8:5 (TEV) “First they gave themselves to the Lord; and then, by God’s will, they gave themselves to us as well.”