



LEANING IN TO COMMUNITY

We are designed to be _____ to God.

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me." John 15:4

We connect to God when we lean in to Christian _____.

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

When we connect to Christian community we experience God's _____.

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

But our tendency is _____.



EFFECTS OF ISOLATION

- self-deception (Heb 1:13)
- selfishness (Prov 18:1)
- stunted growth (Prov 27:17)
- easily defeated (Eccl 4:12)
- carry alone the burden of sin (Gal 6:2; Mk 12:31)

SO HOW DO WE LEAN IN?

We lean in by _____ community.

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:24-25

We lean in when we are _____ in community.

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 2 Corinthians 12:9

We lean in when we resolve to have _____ in community.

"But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil." Luke 6:35



HOME GROUP STUDY

1. Name some ways being in community with the body of Christ has blessed you and encouraged your spiritual growth.

2. What tends to hold you back from leaning in to community? In what ways do you need to be convinced to push back against a tendency toward isolating yourself?

3. Look at the *EFFECTS OF ISOLATION* on the sermon notes. How have you seen these played out in your own life? What other effects or dangers of isolation can you think of?

4. Vulnerability and transparency can look different for people depending on factors such as upbringing, personality type and even regional preferences. How can we encourage transparency in community while at the same time respecting where others are in their spiritual journey?

5. Why is being in community so important for our soul training? How do we persevere in community even when it's hard or doesn't seem to yield any benefits we can see?

(See Scriptures regarding the "one-anothers" listed at right.)

6. Writer and pastor Paul Tripp says: *"Corporate worship is a regular gracious reminder that it's not about you. You've been born into a life that is a celebration of another."* How can you begin to put the focus of community where it belongs and shift it away from what you feel or prefer?

"Fellowship with the body of Christ is God's great classroom of the development of Christian character. We are benefitted by both the strengths and weaknesses of the fellowship. The mature ones help to strengthen and encourage us, while the weaknesses in the less mature give us the opportunity to practice our spiritual growth. Get involved and stay in faithful fellowship with the body of Christ! Don't run off if something disappoints you or you get your feelings hurt—this only demonstrates immaturity and places you in further danger of losing out with God. If you alienate yourself from fellowship, you will be regressing down a path that leads away from God."

D. A. ROBBINS

"Worship gatherings are not always spectacular, but they are always supernatural. And if a church looks for or works for the spectacular, she may miss the supernatural. If a person enters a gathering to be wowed with something impressive, with a style that fits him just right, with an order of service and song selection designed just the right way, that person may miss the supernatural presence of God. Worship is supernatural whenever people come hungry to respond, react, and receive from God for who He is and what He has done. A church worshipping as a creature of the Word doesn't show up to perform or be entertained; she comes desperate and needy, thirsty for grace, receiving from the Lord and the body of Christ, and then gratefully receiving what she needs as she offers her praise—the only proper response to the God who saves us."

MATT CHANDLER

THE "ONE-ANOTHERS"

Mark 9:50	Colossians 3:9, 13, 16
John 13:14	1 Thessalonians 3:12
John 13:34-35	1 Thessalonians 4:9, 18
John 15:12, 17	1 Thessalonians 5:11, 15
Romans 1:12	2 Thessalonians 1:3
Romans 12:10, 16	Hebrews 3:13
Romans 13:8	Hebrews 10:24-25
Romans 14:13	James 4:11
Romans 15:7, 14	James 5:9, 16
1 Corinthians 12:25	1 Peter 4:8-9
Galatians 5:13, 15, 26	1 Peter 5:5
Galatians 6:2	1 John 1:7
Ephesians 4:2, 32	1 John 3:11, 23
Ephesians 5:19, 21	1 John 4:7, 11-12
Philippians 2:3-5	

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of *The Source* at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP AND CONNECT.

If you've been worshipping with us for a while, it's time to connect! Text "CCBCConnect" to 555-888 and we'll send you info on community at CCBC.



JOIN A HOME GROUP! One of the best ways to connect at Christ Chapel is in a home group. Home groups of all shapes, sizes and ages gather across the city on almost every night of the week for community and the chance to study the Bible together. Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to sign up now, or come to the Group Link event on Sunday, Jan. 26 and be placed in one that day. RSVP for Group Link at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

RENOVATE RETURNS THIS WEDNESDAY,

JAN. 15. Renovate is an event for young adults—in college, post-grad, newly married and more in the Fort Worth area. There's free dinner starting at 6:15 p.m. and then a worship service at 7 p.m. Whether new to town or already a Wednesday night regular, come find community at Renovate. Visit www.renovateftw.org to learn more.

REGISTRATION FOR THE TOPICS IN

PARENTING CONFERENCE CLOSING THIS

FRIDAY. Parents, on Saturday, Jan. 25, Dr. Kathy Koch will be teaching on topics including how to motivate your child on a heart level, technology's impact, the "eight great smarts" and more. Kids Care is available and brunch will be served. Register at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

ARTISTS, IT'S TIME TO SUBMIT YOUR

CREATIONS! Art Reach is a weekend at Christ Chapel all about celebrating the arts and the creativity God gives each of us. If you are an artist (of any age), we want you to submit your creations at www.ccbcfamily.org/artreach. The last day to submit your work is Thursday, Jan. 30.

LET'S SERVE OUR SCHOOLS! There are lots of opportunities to make a difference in the life of a child or teacher this year—mentor, help with reading comprehension, assist a teacher and more. There's a mentor training happening on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 9 a.m. RSVP to Cathy at CathyS@christchapelbc.org.

APPLY FOR THRIVE AND GROW IN 2020.

Thrive is a discipleship program that takes you to the roots of sin and suffering in your life, and teaches you to embrace the freedom found only in Christ. Go to www.ccbcfamily.org/thrive to learn more and apply by Monday, Jan. 20.

REGISTER FOR DTS' "THE STORY OF

SCRIPTURE." Later this month, Dallas Theological Seminary is offering a new learning experience, "The Story of Scripture," here at Christ Chapel. The mini-conference will teach you to see the threads that run throughout the entire Bible (Genesis to Revelation) and start to understand what God is doing and saying throughout the entire Bible. Learn more and register at www.ccbcfamily.org/events. The cost is \$30 per person.