

BETTER TOGETHER



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Big Idea: Biblical community requires intentional action, not passive association.

Text: Mark 2:1-12

And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house. And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them. And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

1. Biblical Community Takes Responsibility for Others

Galatians 6:2 — *Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.*

Romans 15:1 — *We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.*

2. Biblical Community Moves with Initiative for Others

James 2:15–16 — *If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?*

Quote: “Care that never moves is not biblical care.”

3. Biblical Community Is Hindered by Casual Observers

Philippians 2:4 — *Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*

Quote: “They were close to Jesus but they kept someone else from getting to Him.”

4. Biblical Community Requires Humility, Not Status

“The true barrier is our unwillingness to humbly consider others as more important than ourselves.”

Philippians 2:3 — *Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.*

“You cannot build biblical community while protecting personal comfort.”

5. Jesus Responds to Active Faith in Biblical Community.

“Jesus responds to faith and actions of other believers. Your faith may be the bridge someone else needs to reach Jesus.”

Learning To Live Questions

- (1) Who am I actively carrying right now?
- (2) Where have I become part of the crowd instead of part of the solution?
- (3) Am I participating in community or just present in it?