

BIG IDEA – Based on what The Word teaches about Community,
We Endeavor to Receive The Word Daily in a Gospel Community.

SECTION 1 – WHAT DOES THE WORD TEACH ABOUT COMMUNITY?

SECTION 2 – HOW CAN WE ENDEAVOR TO RECEIVE THE WORD DAILY IN A GOSPEL COMMUNITY?

1 – WHAT DOES THE WORD TEACH ABOUT COMMUNITY?

1.1 THAT WE STEWARD A VITAL POWER IN EACH OTHER’S LIVES.

1.2 WHY WE STEWARD THIS VITAL POWER IN EACH OTHER’S LIVES.

1.3 HOW WE PRIMARILY STEWARD THIS VITAL POWER IN EACH OTHER’S LIVES.

1.1 THAT WE STEWARD A VITAL POWER IN EACH OTHER’S LIVES.

- A. Proverbs 13:20 - *Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.*
- B. Proverbs 18:1 - *Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment.*
- C. 1 Corinthians 15:33 - *Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”*
- D. Hebrews 3:12-14 - *Take care, brothers and sisters, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. [13] **But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.** [14] For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.*
- E. Luke 5:20 - *And when he saw THEIR faith, he said, “MAN, your sins are forgiven you.”*

1.2 WHY WE STEWARD THIS VITAL POWER IN EACH OTHER’S LIVES.

- A. Adam and Eve were created **BY** an Inter-Dependent Community (IDC) **AS** an IDC **FOR** an IDC.
 - i. **“Independence”** is thinking that we don’t need anyone else.
 - ii. **“Over-Dependence”** is thinking that we need others more than they need us.
 - iii. **“Inter-Dependence”** is needing people while meeting those people’s needs.
 - iv. **BY** – Genesis 1:26 – *Let us make man in our image (likeness).*
 - v. **AS** – Genesis 2:18 - *It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.*
 - vi. **FOR** – Genesis 1:28 - *Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion.*
- B. Inter-Dependence was one of the First Lessons that God taught His Redeemed People (Exodus 16).
- C. Paul teaches that each Gospel Community is an Inter-Dependent Community (Galatians 6:1-10).
- D. The “One Another” Language of the New Testament presumes/commands Inter-Dependence.
 - i. We often have something we need...that we can give to others...but can’t/shouldn’t give to ourselves.
 - a. John 13:14 - *Wash One Another’s Feet*
 - b. James 5:16 - *Pray for One Another*
 - c. Hebrews 10:24 - *Stir up One Another to Love and Good Deeds*
 - d. 1 Peter 4:9 - *Show Hospitality to One Another without grumbling*

1.3 HOW WE PRIMARILY STEWARD THIS VITAL POWER IN EACH OTHER'S LIVES.

- A. Proverbs 18:21 **Death and life are in the power of the tongue.**
- B. Proverbs 25:11 **A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.**
- C. Proverbs 15:4 **A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.**
- D. Proverbs 12:18 **Rash words are like sword thrusts but the tongue of the wise brings healing.**
- E. Proverbs 12:25 **Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad.**
- F. Proverbs 16:24 **Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.**
- G. The Book of James speaks of the Tongue Metaphorically as a **Bit, Rudder and Spark** (James 3)
- H. Ephesians 4:25, 29 **Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another...[29] Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.**
- I. Colossians 3:16 - **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom... with thankfulness in your hearts to God.**
- J. Hebrews 3:13 - **But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.**

2 – HOW CAN WE ENDEAVOR TO RECEIVE THE WORD DAILY IN A GOSPEL COMMUNITY?

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2.3 WE LEAN INTO OUR GOSPEL COMMUNITY

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- A. Along the Biblical Path of Inter-Dependence, there are Two Ditches, Independence and Over-Dependence.
- B. The "Over-Dependent CBRJ Participant" presumes that they can't read and understand the Bible on their own.
 - i. ...and Lives anxiously as they lack a Depth of Confidence that comes from communing with God.
- C. The "Independent CBRJ Participant" presumes that they don't need anyone to read and understand the Bible.
 - i. ...and Lives arrogantly as they lack a Depth of Humility that comes from communing with others.
- D. **Which Ditch do you tend to fall into the most? Why do you think that is?**

2.2 WE TURN FROM OUR UNBELIEF TO THE GOSPEL

- A. The Over-Dependent, among other things, needs to believe that Jesus chose to die to be with **them** forever.
- B. The Independent, among other things, needs to believe that Jesus had to die for **them** and their pride.

2.3 WE LEAN INTO OUR GOSPEL COMMUNITY

- A. To start, we can **confess** to our community our Unfaithful Tendency.
- B. Next, we can follow and benefit from the **design** of The CBR Journal.
- C. Finally, we **walk** the "Well-Worn Paths" for Dialogue with our Community.

1. SURRENDER THROUGH PRAYER.

2. LISTEN TO THE SCRIPTURES (PSALM 1).

[1] Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

[2] but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

[3] He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

[4] The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

[5] Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

[6] for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

3. PRAY THROUGH YOUR PEN.

Adoration Adore and Praise God for his Attributes and Actions	Confession Confess your Sinfulness and acknowledge your Sins
Thanksgiving Thank Jesus for his Salvation (past, present, future)	Supplication Ask for the Spirit to transform you in particular ways

4. PREPARE FOR GOSPEL COMMUNITY.

How has God impacted you the most through today's Passage?