

A Pastor for Every Person! ROCK GROUPS

(Evangelistic Care Groups)

GET CONNECTED

ICE BREAKER

Were you active in a local church growing up?

What was that like? How did it influence who you are today?

1 Corinthians 12 ¹² The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. 13 ...we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. ¹⁴ Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. ¹⁵ If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body? 17 If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything? 18 But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. 19 How strange a body would be if it had only one part! 20 Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. 21 The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." 22 In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. ²³ And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we carefully protect those parts that should not be seen, 24 while the more honorable parts do not require this special care. So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. 25 This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. ²⁷ All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. NLT

This scripture makes it clear that we **ALL** need each other and that we are not made to be happy or productive apart from constant, close connection to the rest of the body! That's why the enemy does **EVERYTHING** he can to disconnect us from the body or at least keep us from fully connecting in our natural place. He knows that it's the body that helps us to grow and thrive!

SOME OF THE REASONS PEOPLE DON'T STAY CONNECTED...

- > They feel inferior to others.
- > They feel insignificant.
- ➤ Too busy.
- > They feel self-sufficient.
- > They don't trust others.
- ➤ They think it's just another Bible study.
- > They become distracted.
- ➤ They have obstacles. (usually things the enemy is orchestrating)
- ➤ They are afraid. (of rejection, or commitment, or the unknown, etc.)

WHY WE ALL NEED CLOSE, REGULAR FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS

- > You become more like those you spend time with.
- > You need counsel and help from others.
- ➤ You need encouragement and sharpening.
- ➤ You will need help in some area of your life.
- > We all need accountability.
- **People need you!** The body is incomplete without you!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Has there ever been a time when you weren't well connected? How about now? In the past, what reasons have you had for not getting or staying connected? How has being connected with other believers helped you?

1 Cor 12 ²⁷ "You are Christ's **body** – that's who you are! You must never forget this." MSG

Let's *pray in groups of three* that we would stay closely connected to our spiritual family!

REMEMBER... ✓ Prayer/Ministry Time ✓ Pray for COTR Leadership ✓ Share Vision of COTR and Rock Groups ✓ "Empty Chair" Prayer. <u>Invite</u> someone new! ✓ Have everyone complete attendance sheet

 \square Complete the *online report* and *attendance* for the meeting soon