

Everyday Church Series

“Everyday as Community”

1 Peter 1:22-2:8

We have been born into a new family.

You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart.

²³ For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God. ²⁴ As the Scriptures say,

“People are like grass;

their beauty is like a flower in the field.

The grass withers and the flower fades.

But the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And that word is the Good News that was preached to you.

1 Peter 1:22-25 (NLT)

Our family is based on God’s word.

*The instructions of the Lord are perfect,
reviving the soul.*

*The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.*

*The commandments of the Lord are right,
bringing joy to the heart.*

*The commands of the Lord are clear,
giving insight for living.*

Psalms 19:7-8 (NLT)

We share the word as we share our lives.

We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God’s Good News but our own lives, too.

1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NLT)

“Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵ And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. ⁶ And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today.

⁷ Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them

when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 (NLT)

So clean the house & feed the children.

So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. ² Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, ³ now that you have had a taste of the Lord’s kindness.

1 Peter 2:1-3 (NLT)

Our family tries to live right.

Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. ¹³ You must warn each other every day, while it is still “today,” so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God.

Hebrews 3:12-13 (NLT)

Our family wants to grow.

Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. ¹⁵ Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

Ephesians 4:14-15 (NLT)

Jesus is the head of our family.

You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God’s temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor.

⁵ And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What’s more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. ⁶ As the Scriptures say,

*“I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem,
chosen for great honor,*

*and anyone who trusts in him
will never be disgraced.”*

*⁷ Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him.
But for those who reject him,*

*“The stone that the builders rejected
has now become the cornerstone.”*

⁸ And,

*“He is the stone that makes people stumble,
the rock that makes them fall.”*

*They stumble because they do not obey God’s word, and so they
meet the fate that was planned for them.*

1 Peter 2:4-8 (NLT)

Jesus is our Identity.

SO WHAT?

We live everyday together.

*Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and
good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as
some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that
the day of his return is drawing near.*

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT)

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Growth Group Questions

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Who is the craziest person in your family? Why?

Who is the rock in your family? Why?

2. Who are some people in your life who are not biologically family, but in every sense of the word they are family to you.

How did they earn that status in your life?

3. When do you experience Community during the week?

Do you find that community happens for you
spontaneously, or does it have to be planned in advance?

4. Read 1 Peter 1:22-2:8 all the way through out loud. Pause for a minute of silence. Re-read the passage all the way through. Share what one thing stands out to you from the passage?

5. Re-read 1 Peter 2:2-3. When was a time in your life that you craved God’s word in your life? How did you fulfill that craving?

How can you remain in God’s word when your craving isn’t as strong?

5. In what ways is our everyday Christian community a place where we “love one another deeply from the heart?” and a place where we (and others) can “taste of the Lord’s Kindness?”

6. What core practices do you need in your life to live in community as a part of Gods family?