

[SERMON NOTES]

A Kingdom Community Invite (*Matthew 4:18-22*)

The lie we believe: _____ weight is _____ to carry, _____.

Kingdom Community: the _____ of Jesus living out the _____ of God through the _____ of the Holy Spirit.

3 Reasons We Avoid Community:

#1 - _____ (cf. *Genesis 2:18, 1 Kings 19:1-4*)

#2 - _____ (cf. *1 John 1:8, Galatians 6:3-4*)

#3 - _____ (cf. *Galatians 6:2, Jas. 5:16*)

Jesus commands us to bear life _____.

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

In this week's message we learned about *Kingdom Community* - what it is, what it isn't, why we avoid it and we are called to it. We defined it as *the people of Jesus living out the purposes of God through the power of the Holy Spirit*. **How might you summarize or reword this for someone who was curious about what makes Kingdom Community different?**

[DIGGING DEEPER]

While we all may know and recognize the power and need for Kingdom Community, we all struggle to commit to it from time to time. **Circle which of the 3 reasons from our message would you say resonates the most when you find yourself pulling away from community and then explain your answer:**

Isolation

Idealism

Intimidation

Throughout Scripture, we see a very clear disparity develop: *God calls people to be together* whereas *when people are alone, disaster seems to strike*. So, it's no surprise the most recurring command(s) revolve around how to treat "**one another**." Below is a list of some (not all!) of the **59 One Another's** in the New Testament. **Pick 3 and then write out what that 'one another' calls disciples to obey:** *John 13:34; Romans 12:10, 12:16, 14:19, 15:7; 1 Cor. 12:25; Galatians 5:13, 6:2; Colossians 3:13; Ephesians 4:15; Philippians 2:4, 2:7; Heb. 3:13; James 5:16*

#1 -

#2 -

#3 -

Now, underline the one above that you find it most difficult to live up to, and write out a prayer asking for the power of the Holy Spirit to help you put it into practice.

Here at FIRST, we like to talk about the 3 habits of disciples as: *Head Knowledge, Heart Change, and Helpful Accountability*. Think of it like a tricycle where the two back wheels have to work together (Head Knowledge & Helpful Accountability) for the front wheel to steer us where we want to go (Heart Change). **Read Galatians 6:1-10. Write down below what aspects of Head Knowledge, Heart Change, and Helpful Accountability you see in this passage.**

Without Kingdom Community, what might happen to our "tricycle" of our walk with Jesus?

So, when it comes to Kingdom Community, what is your next step?