

# TOGETHER

DESIGNED FOR RELATIONSHIP & COMMUNITY

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## Concluding Charge

**REVIEW:** God designed his church to best function within the context of Christian Community. He entrusted us with specific expectations and responsibilities concerning how we best navigate life TOGETHER. **Created for Community.**

- **Weeks 1-3 of Together: 1 Corinthians 12.**

- We can confidently serve one another, understanding God uniquely designed us to do. (12:4-11).
- God's church has been given the exact variety it needs to fulfill its purpose (12:12-20).
- Each believer, in the church, needs the influence of other believers (12:21-26).

- **Week 4 of Together: Christian Koinonia**—The acknowledgement & affirmation between Christians who recognized the one unique bond that we share in common is a redeemed relationship with Jesus Christ. We are held together **"in Christ."**

- **Weeks 5-10 of Together: Uniquely Designed to**—CARE-GROW-SUFFER-COMFORT-REJOICE-MISSION—**Together.**

**TODAY:** *Concluding Charge / Plea*

### 3 ANCHOR WORDS TO HELP US REMEMBER THE CENTRAL TRUTHS OF THIS TOGETHER SERIES

#### 1. GATHER.

We are committed and faithful to gather together. We do so for the purposes of becoming the church, building one another up, being equipped and bringing maximum glory to God.

*Act 2:42, 44, 47 All the believers **devoted** themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to the Lord's Supper, and to prayer. ... 44 And all the believers **met together** in one place and shared everything they had. ... 46 They **worshiped together** at the Temple each day, **met in homes** for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity-- 47 ... And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.*

*Heb 10:23-25 Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promise. 24 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...*

*1Co 12:27 All of you together are Christ's body, and each one of you is a part of it.*

#### 2. SCATTER.

We are committed and faithful to engage with people and communities locally, nationally and globally. We trust God's plan and purpose to use us as conduits of his love and to appoint us as Christ's ambassadors.

*Isaiah 56:8 For the Sovereign LORD, who brings back the outcasts of Israel, says: **I will bring others, too, besides My people Israel.**"*

*John 10:14-16 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 **And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also**, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.*

*Mat 28:19 Therefore **go...***

2Cor 5:18, 20 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us **the ministry of reconciliation**.... 20 We are therefore **Christ's ambassadors**, as though God were making his appeal through us.

### 3. MATTER.

We are committed and faithful to viewing our ambassadorial roles as both personal and communal. We each play our part because the local church proclaims the hope of the world and we know we can accomplish exponentially more together than apart.

John 17:11,15,20-21 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one... 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one... 20 My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us **so that the world may believe** that you have sent me.

Eph 4:11-13 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 **to equip his people for works of service**, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

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## Discussion & Reflection Questions

1. What is a **thought, quote or phrase from today's series conclusion** that you need to go back to for more thought or discussion? Which of the teachings of this series would be good to revisit?
2. **Which of the three commitments** from today's message comes most naturally for you (or you've seen the most growth in)? What are some hindrances that keep you from seeing (or treating) each one as vital?
3. **Discuss** the principle: "We give up things we love, for things we love even more. It's an honor to sacrifice for Christ and His church." What are some of the sacrifices you have made (or make) because of Jesus? What would be a sacrifice of something you love currently that would free you to engage with something for Christ because you love and trust him more?
4. **Read** Jesus prayer from John 17. **Discuss** the implications for your life today? For us as a church?  
Other scriptures to discuss: Eph 4:11-13; 2Cor 5:18-20

## SONGS

"Found In You" - Paul Baloche & Andi Rozier

"Together In This" - Valley Bible Worship [Dan Gillette, Shawn Hoelsch]

"O Praise The Name" - Dean Ussher, Marty Sampson, Benjamin Hastings

"Christ Be All Around Me" - David Leonard, Jack Mooring, Leeland Mooring, Leslie Jordan

## BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$48,191.00  
WEEKLY NEED: \$34,979.00

YTD GIVING: \$1,537,155.00  
YTD GENERAL NEED: \$1,574,055.00