

James 4:1-12
Affirm, Share, Serve - The “One Anothers” in the Church
Community – Its Need and Its Enemies

Sermon Outline for September 20, 2015 By Pastor Dennis R. Tuuri

Intro – An Unplanned Birthday

Affirm, Share, Serve – Basic Community Building Practices

Affirm: By Honoring; By Thankfulness for Other's Needed Gifts; Through Visible Affection

Share: Your Space, Time and Goods; One Another's Needs and Problems; By Teaching and Admonishing

Serve: Through Accountability; Through Reconciliation; By Putting Other's Interests First

All “in Christ” Example: Love – Col. 3:14; Phil. 1:9

- I. Community – It's Need James 3:18
Righteousness – Putting Things Right (Three Dimensions)

Seed or the Crop – Peacemaking, Building Community

Can't Do It Here – Rom. 12:9

“no deep supernatural character change without deep involvement in community”

- II. Community – Its Enemies, Barriers

A. Improper Use of Social Media – vv. 1, 11

B. Wrong Desires [Hedonism] v. 1, 3
Choking Thorns - Luke 8:14; Hated and Hating – Titus 3:3
“I am my own, my life for me” George MacDonald

My life for yours – how we all got here; the little things; thanksgiving

C. The Bride's Unfaithfulness – v. 4, 5

D. The Cause Behind the Causes: Pride – vv. 6-10

Philippians 2:2-6

complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,

but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

James 3:17 - Heptamorous Chiastic Creational Structure

Jonathan Edwards' On Revival , Marks of Spiritual Pride; Spiritual Humility

1. More aware of others faults than one's own

2. Contempt and disdain for others' faults

3. Quickly separates from those he criticizes or who criticize him

4. Dogmatic and sure about every point of belief

5. Always confronts or never confronts

6. Unhappy and self-pitying

Pride and Low Self-Esteem

- III. Community: Breaking Through To It

God's Inestimable Love; Humility (The Upside Down Principle); Courage

Conclusion – Engage, With Humility

Children's Handout for Sep "Community – Its Need and Its Enemies"

1. How old did Pastor Tuuri become last Friday? ____ ____
2. Did he sin that day?
3. This is the last sermon on the ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ,
____ ____ ____ ____ ____ , Serve series.
4. Christian love is full of ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____
5. Christian love has ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____
6. Christian love creates a ____ ____ ____ .
7. ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ entreated is the heart of wisdom from above.
8. We can only ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ to build community at church.
9. RCC thinks its ____ ____ ____ ____ important to be in a community group.
10. Using the internet ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ can damage community.
11. Living for myself rather than ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ is an enemy of community.
12. The Church is God's ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ .
13. The great enemy of community is ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ .
14. Pride is what makes us feel ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ for ourselves.
15. Pride thinks its always ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ .
16. Proud people can't hear ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ .
17. When we're humble, we don't need to fear the ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ .
18. When we ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ others, we find our own life.
19. Please ____ ____ ____ ____ for RCC's Community Groups!