

Community: Living Life Together: Part 2

“We have established a small group culture at CLC with a focus on discipleship and spiritual growth.”

John 17:13-25 NIV

What is Unity?

It's the combining or joining of separate things or entities to form ONE... the singleness or constancy among individuals or groups.

This type of COMMUNITY, or “COMMON UNITY” Jesus is praying for is uncommon in the world!

The vision behind C-Groups:

“Effective and life changing ministry happens when we connect with God and people by living life better through biblical relationships. **Be Intentional**

***The world will only know who Jesus is and why He was sent, when they see what we have in our Community (common unity).**

Ephesians says, we should endeavor to keep the Unity of Spirit. It is already given by the Spirit.

Note: IT is in you... the desire to FLOW with other believers in this church!

It is Rare that we see the kind of Unity that Jesus Prayed.

Traits energized by the Spirit in a Community with Common-unity.

1) Uncommon Unity:

Some believe if we could just get a united theology we would compel the world to believe. But united theology was never promised to compel the world to believe. Human eloquence will not compel the world to believe, the size of our churches will never compel the world to believe. No denominational program, or slogan or goal will compel the world to believe.

2) Uncommon Confidence:

- “I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. v17:14

3) Uncommon Love: John 13:35 says: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

- Don't be selfish.

Phil 2:3 - Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ESV

This uncommon Love is a selfless, forgiving, never give up kind of love. READ Hosea for a beautiful picture of selfless Love.

Only one single thing will compel the world to believe . . . a supernatural oneness in the family of God.