



In today's society, our value as individuals often supersedes the value of the group. We are encouraged to shine on our own and do what matters to us. Individual rights are touted in many public arenas.

While God created us as unique individuals, He also made us to be part of a larger community. Let's explore God's provision for preserving our individuality within being part of God's kingdom.

Read Ephesians 2:10. What does this verse tell us about God's plan for us?

Does this mean to do only good works for ourselves? See Galatians 6:10

If God's design is for us to work together, what does that mean for the Christian community? See 1 Corinthians 3:6-8

The following verses indicate how believers are to live in community. Describe the actions each verse contains.

Romans 15:2 _____

Romans 15:7 _____

Galatians 6:2 _____

Ephesians 5:21 _____

Colossians 3:13 _____

1 Thessalonians 5:11 _____

Ephesians 4:32 _____

2 Corinthians 1:4 _____

Examine each of the above actions indicated in Scripture. What are some concrete examples of how we can live out these actions in our current faith community?

For a community of faith, what is the main priority? See 2 Corinthians 8:5, and Ephesians 5:8

As the body of believers what matters most according to Galatians 5:6 and 1 John 3:16?

Being part of the body of believers is being interactive – we work and build off each other, while valuing each person’s individual attributes. What are some things your group or church could do to build off each other for a stronger faith community overall?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gifts you give to each of us as individuals. Direct us in ways that allow us to use those gifts to make the body of believers even stronger. Show me daily how I can serve You by caring for others. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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