

Dedication To Our Relationships Releases Blessing

Our Community Core Values: R.I.S.C.

R_____ with Jesus and one another.

I_____ and a _____ of God's Word.

S_____ before s_____.

C_____ that are honored.

One of our non-negotiable core-values as a church is our relationship with Jesus and one another. Why is it important to maintain and grow our relationship with God?

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. Two can accomplish more than twice as much as one, for the results can be much better. If one falls, the other pulls him up; but if a man falls when he is alone, he's in trouble. Also, on a cold night, two under the same blanket gain warmth from each other, but how can one be warm alone? And one standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back to back and conquer; three is even better, for a triple braided cord is not easily broken. (TLB)

What do we get from being in community with other believers that we would not get alone?

Exodus 17:8-13 Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim. And Moses said to Joshua, choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand. So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

How do we "hold up the hands" of a person who is helping to fight a battle?

Matthew 18:19-20 Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.

How can we ensure that no one in our small group has to fight a battle alone?

How does participating in a group help us keep a balanced perspective in our lives?

Read Ruth 1:15-18 and 1 Samuel 18:1-4. What happens in our relationship with a person when we make and keep a strong commitment to that person?

Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens his friend.

Good people do for themselves; great people do for others.

Read Nehemiah 4:6, 13-16

We can accomplish amazing tasks when we work together with a common passion and become a team with a larger vision.

What is our vision for Kitsap County?

What do we still need to do to accomplish what God has called us to do?