



## A Relational Church

### MAIN THING

Community Is The Church's Greatest Tool For Reaching The Lost And Building The Body

### SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 13:20, Proverbs 12:26, 1 Corinthians 15:33, John 13:35, Acts 4:32-35, Matthew 28:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:1

### ICEBREAKER

My favorite worship song is . . . . .

### OPENING THOUGHT

A church that puts God first is one that is faithful to His command to do life together. Churches that take fellowship seriously are ones that will reach the lost and build strong disciples. Discipleship is a long process- taking years and decades- and if a person isn't part of a church for that long, discipleship doesn't happen. Therefore, a church that has any hope of doing what God wants it to do will take building relationships seriously, as relationships are what keep people in churches over the long haul, making discipleship possible.

Community is the one thing we can do that can't be found anywhere else. If you want sermons, there are far better ones on YouTube and other podcasts than what you get here on Sundays. You can listen to professional musicians do worship music on Spotify and other platforms. Whatever we can do, they can do better. However, you cannot make friends through a screen. You cannot have coffee or lunch with a computer. You also can't lead anyone to Christ that you don't personally know. Many Christians are in danger of thinking that watching a service online is all they need to do to practice their faith. Nothing could be further from the truth.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If a friend were to ask you, 'What was one thing your pastor said in his sermon on Sunday?' what would you say?
2. What brought you to Catalyst Christian Church? What is keeping you here now? Are they two different things?
3. What are the biggest obstacles that we as Americans have to overcome in order to have the kind of community God desires for His church?

### LIFE APPLICATION

One of the best ways to build friendships with someone is to have a common goal together. People who value the same things and live similar lifestyles tend to become friends easily. People who play together on our worship team develop friendships very quickly. People who go on mission trips together come home with strong friendships. Parents who have similarly-aged children and want to raise them in a godly home can become friends quickly.

Community is built around shared interests. What are some kingdom interests that you have that you could use to develop more community within our church?

### CHALLENGE

The best way to lead someone to Christ is to involve that person in the church community. Christianity is more often caught than it is taught. Who needs to be part of your Christian community circle so that they may become followers of Jesus?