

## **Sermon Notes**

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Title: Christians Connecting In Community

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-8

The reciprocal commands of Scripture form the guidelines for relational conduct that is to be exercised within the body of Christ. They outline the multi-directional flow of spirit-inspired actions between believers that strengthen and maintain unity in the body of Christ.

Reasons why Christians connect with each other in community:

1. We connect with the Christians in community because we are members of one another.
2. We connect with Christians in community for mutual support.
3. We connect with Christians in community to receive the equipping we need to be strong witnesses for Jesus Christ in the marketplace.
4. We connect with Christians in community because we know we need to grow in our understanding of the Christian life.
5. We need to connect because every day we encounter deception, false ideas and false teaching from a wide variety of sources.
6. We connect with Christians in community because it gives us the opportunity to develop and use our spiritual gifts.