

## COLD SPRINGS CHURCH

*“Doing Life Well. Together.”*

### Watch the Sermon:

<http://www.coldspringschurch.net/sermons.html>.



### This Week: “From Isolation to Community”

(Matthew 16:25; John 3:16, 14:27; Hebrews 11:6; 1 John 4:10)

### ONE THING STUDY

1. Read one of the above key passages.
2. Pick One Thing... (a word or phrase) that stands out to you. Mark it... (highlight it, write it down, underline it, or something).
3. Talk about it with someone in your life and/or your group.

And/or...

### CHECK-IN (where do you rank 1 thru 5 for each area)

*“And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.”* (Mark 12:30)

1. How is your **Being**? (1- My soul is overflowing... 5- I am dry)
2. How is your **Thinking**? (1- I have focus... 5- I am distracted)
3. How is your **Feeling**? (1- I am aware... 5- I am in the dark)
4. How is your **Doing**? (1- I am acting intentionally... 5- I am frantic or passive)

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What stood out to you from this week’s sermon? Share it with someone!
2. What is your experience of “community?” Authenticity? Meaningfulness?
3. How does “purpose” relate to meaningful community?
4. How have you experienced “humility” in your life (humble people or moments)?
5. Who is God empowering you to reach out to because of his love and peace?

### PRAYER

*Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. Colossians 4:2 (NLT)*

Pray together, including needs discussed in your group time.

# **Beyond Survival From Isolation to Community**

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## **Jesus fulfills our need for community.**

“The person who loves their dream of community will destroy community, but the person who loves those around them will create community.”

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. -Jesus (Matthew 16:25 NLT)

## **How does Jesus fulfill our need for community?**

### **1. By giving us purpose.**

- Defining Community
- If you don't have purpose, you probably won't have community.
- What is your purpose?
- And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.  
-Hebrews 11:6
- Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever. -Westminster Shorter Catechism

- The goal is not success, but intimacy.
- How to seek intimacy with God?
- Love God and do what you want. -Augustine

## **2. By making us humble.**

- Defining humility
- Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less,” C.S. Lewis
- Humility leads to community.
- How can we cultivate humility?

## **3. By empowering us to Love.**

- This is real love - not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. -1 John 4:10
- For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. -John 3:16
- “Love takes the initiative, acts sacrificially, to meet needs.” -Grant Howard
- God meets my needs } I am at peace } and free to love others.
- Opportunities to Love and Be Loved
- No God, No Peace. Know God, Know Peace.
- “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.” -John 14:27, ESV