

**Bible Study Series: 1 John – Living As His Light (lesson 7)**

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**Question: “Is It Really Necessary to Participate in Congregational Life?”**

One of the areas where Christ-followers today are confused is Biblical Community or Church.

John addresses this issue by revealing the KEY TRUTH that hopefully will encourage you to keep keeping on!

**KEY TRUTH:** \_\_\_\_\_ is a fundamental aspect of a Christ-follower’s DNA

“For this is the message you heard from the beginning: **We should love one another.**” 1 John 3:11

- To be a Christ-follower means to live in connection/community with other Christ-followers!
- The idea of trying to live as Christ-follower without connection to others is an unbiblical thought!

**Why is “Community” so important?**

**1. The World often \_\_\_\_\_ because we are different**

“Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother’s were righteous. <sup>13</sup> **Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you.**” 1 John 3:12-13

**2. Loving one another is \_\_\_\_\_ as to whether we are His!**

“We know that we have passed from death to life, **because we love each other.** Anyone who does not love remains in death. <sup>15</sup> Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that **no murderer has eternal life residing in him.**”

1 John 3:14-15

**3. Living in Community is a way we can \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.**

“This is how we know what love is: **Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.** And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?” 1 John 3:16-17

**Conclusion:** What is your attitude about the Body of Christ?

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