

Life is BETTER when we are TOGETHER

Mark 8:34 NLT

³⁴ Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.

Nothing disrupts your mission like division

John 17:20–23 NLT

²⁰ “I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message.

²¹ I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

²² “I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one.

²³ I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

Being a guiding light for those caught in the storms of life

Matthew 5:14–16 NIV

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

1. We welcome everyone

Revelation 22:17 NLT

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” Let anyone who hears this say, “Come.” Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life.

2. We guide people to Jesus

John 15:5–8 NLT

⁵ “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

⁶ Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned.

⁷ But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!

⁸ When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

3. We serve God by helping those inside and outside of the church

1 Peter 4:10 NLT

¹⁰ God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

Disrupters of Unity of the Mission

1. Lack of humbleness and abundance of pride

2. Lack of excitement and abundance of complaining

3. Lack of devotion and abundance of consumers

Acts 2:42–47 NLT

⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer.

⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders.

⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had.

⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.

⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—

⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Psalm 133:1 NIV

¹ How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!