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Sunday, May 7, 2017

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"He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor" (1 Corinthians 3:8, ESV).

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"Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:25, ESV).

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1. We Fellowship Better Together.

"examined the Scriptures every day" (Acts 17:11, NIV).

"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings" (Philippians 3:10, NIV).

2. We Worship Better Together.

"Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work. It is a Sabbath to the Lord in all your dwelling places" (Leviticus 23:3, ESV).

"What good fellowship we enjoyed as we walked together to the house of God" (Psalm 55:14, NLT).

3. We Grow Better Together.

"He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love" (Ephesians 4:16, NLT).

4. We <u>Serve</u> Better Together.

"Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind" (Philippians 2:2, ESV).

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another" (1 Peter 4:10, ESV).

5. We Reach Out Better Together.

"Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel" (Philippians 1:27, ESV).

"This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out" (Matthew 16:18, The Message).