

The **TOGETHERS OF SCRIPTURE**

The Togethers of Scripture are 65 things that God wants Christians to do when they get together. These are the Lord's instructions for the best way to live.

These Togethers come from hundreds of Bible verses. It is in obedience to these ways of God's kingdom that marvelous things happen. None of them can we do alone very well. That is why they are called the "Togethers".

These Togethers of Scripture show us the specifics of how to love one another like Jesus loved His disciples.

Most of these 65 Togethers of Scripture can best be adequately obeyed in friendships, marriages and families. That is because only in those smaller, deeper, more genuine and transparent relationships can we interact in truly helpful ways. This "Church Community Builder" grid can bring many wonderful things into our church fellowship.

The numbers in the lower right-hand corner of each cell in the "Church Community Builder" grid refer to our numbering system for the 65 Togethers. To see all 65 Togethers, along with short descriptions and the Bible verses from which they are drawn, please go to:

www.ChristiansTogether.org

The Togethers are also important worship through Christian community. Obediently doing each of these 65 Togethers is an expression of love for God and is an act of worship because it is a reflection of God's character, nature and attributes.

For example, when we forgive one another, we reflect to God his own forgiving character. Thus, forgiving is in essence an act of worship.

Added to corporate worship in church services, the opportunity to worship God grows geometrically through community and the 65 Togethers. The Kingdom of God has its earthly expression and its heavenly expression. Now is the time to obey The Togethers as practice for the eternal community we will join at death.

Building Great Relationships in Our Church

Let's be more of what our Lord Jesus wants His Church to be. We can do this by implementing some of the commands in Scripture for Christians when they get together.

Scripture tells us to relate to one another in very specific ways. Christian community and the love it encompasses is the birthright of every Christian.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34,35

Only if we live in His Kingdom His Way – which is love in action – will we truly receive the blessings God wants for us. In the Upper Room just before He died for us, Jesus emphasized up-close and personal love – as done in the small group of He and his disciples. Jesus said this is to be the genuine expression of love for Him. And notice that it comes with the most valuable extra benefits.

"Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him." John 14:21

The love of your family or friendship group is needed by others in our church. In responding to those needs, your family or friendship group will live out the faith and be a vital ministry from the Lord.