



## Value Statements: “We are better together”

### Getting Started

When you were a kid, were you ever part of a group of people that accomplished something fun together? Maybe on a sports team, or in a band, club? Tell the group about your experience.

What are some moments in your life where you experienced the value of a group of people coming together to accomplish something big? Maybe in business, or a project, team building scenario?

### Going Deeper

Take a moment to read and discuss Canyon Springs Value #3

#### **“We are better together”**

*We believe that growth happens through relationship. We believe we weren't designed to live this life alone. We value relationships and it pours out into practically every aspect of our church. Each of our ministries includes a way for you to get involved in a small group of people who are on the same spiritual journey you are. These relationships will encourage you and challenge you to be the person God has designed you to become*

Why is this an important value as a church?

What does this value teach each of us as individuals?

On Sunday Paul talked about God's design for community.

What do the following verses say about community and what are the implications on our lives?

[Genesis 1:26](#)

[Proverbs 13:20](#)

[Psalm 1:1](#)

God's desire is for us to do life with others around us. The question for you is, who is surrounding you? Would you say that you have a group of people that you could go to about anything?

Read [Colossians 3:12-15](#) and discuss how this can be applied?

Read and discuss the following quote:

*Oh, the comfort, the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person, having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words, but pour them all out just as they are, chaff and grain together, knowing that a faithful hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping, and then with the breath of kindness blow the rest away. -George Eliot.*

On Sunday Paul talked about some of the values of being "Better Together."

What are some of the things that as a church we have accomplished both locally and internationally?

What are some of the ways you have contributed to these things?

How did that make you feel?

In Hebrews 10:24 the word "spur" is used:

[Hebrews 10](#)

*24 And let us consider how we may "spur" one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another*

How do we try to encourage and motivate our friends in a "very strong manner" without endangering the friendship?

How should we respond when our Christian friends are making choices that we know are not in their best interests without losing the friendship?

Take a moment to reflect on your life.

Who are the people that have meant the most to you?

Who are there people that are investing in you?

Who are there people you are investing in?

What steps do you need to take in order to have a small group that is positive and helps the greater good?

