

# Where U Fit in CommUnity

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<sup>1-2</sup> So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

**Romans 12:1-2 MSG**

*"He created the church to meet your five deepest needs: a purpose to live for, people to live with, principles to live by, a profession to live out, and power to live on. There is no other place on earth where you can find all five of these benefits in one place."*

— Rick Warren

<sup>3</sup> Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. <sup>4</sup> Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, <sup>5</sup> so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

**Romans 12:3-5 NLT**

*"They reminded me that Christianity isn't meant to simply be believed; it's meant to be lived, shared, eaten, spoken, and enacted in the presence of other people. They reminded me that, try as I may, I can't be a Christian on my own. I need a community. I need the church."*

— Rachel Held Evans

<sup>6</sup> In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. <sup>7</sup> If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. <sup>8</sup> If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

**Romans 12:6-8 NLT**

*"Many believe one can be a 'good Christian' without joining (or even attending) a local church, but God would strongly disagree."*

— Rick Warren



Questions Link: <https://cag.cnf.io/>

1. Do you feel welcome at Cornerstone Church?
  - Yes. The pastor makes me feel welcomed.
  - Yes. The other congregants make me feel welcomed.
  - Yes. Both the pastor and other congregants make me feel welcomed.
  - I don't feel welcomed.
2. How well do you understand the mission of Cornerstone Church?
  - I feel a deep connection with it.
  - I relate to it well enough.
  - I don't feel connected with it.
  - I don't understand what the mission is.
3. Do you leave services feeling spiritually challenged and encouraged?
  - Yes. The sermons fill me spiritually.
  - Often. I know the pastor has my best interest at heart.
  - Sometimes. I feel the sermons aren't as relevant to me as they could be.
  - Rarely. I'm feeling disconnected with the sermons for personal reasons.
4. Does the worship experience at Cornerstone church resonate with you?
  - Yes. The music helps me feel a deeper connection to God.
  - Yes. It helps me feel more self-reflection.
  - Sometimes.
  - I don't feel a connection to the worship music.
5. Do you feel engaged in Cornerstone Church?
  - Yes. I feel very engaged in the church, it's mission, and initiatives.
  - I enjoy being in the church, but don't take an active role.
  - I feel I'm sometimes watching from the sidelines.
  - I don't feel engaged.
6. If you started attending Cornerstone Church in the last year, what's mainly responsible for bringing you through the doors for the first time?
  - A friend or family member.
  - Posts on social media.
  - A special event or program.
  - I saw the building and was curious.

- An online search
  - I've been attending longer than a year.
7. If you are not currently serving, why not?
- I'm too busy with other commitments.
  - I don't have the skills required to serve in available areas.
  - I don't know what opportunities are available.
  - I don't know how to get connected to serve.
  - I just don't want to.



Serving Link: <https://cag.org/ministries/community/>

*"The Bible knows nothing of solitary religion."*

— John Wesley

<sup>9</sup> Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. <sup>11</sup> Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. <sup>13</sup> When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

**Romans 12:9-13 NLT**

Mission Statement: Building an Authentic Community, Lifting up Jesus, Growing in Him, and Touching our World

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. <sup>15</sup> Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! <sup>17</sup> Never pay back evil with more evil. Do

things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. <sup>18</sup> Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

**Romans 12:14-18 NLT**