

Some Assembly Required - Part #1
“A Healthy ME Requires a Deep Commitment to WE”

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Q – What does ‘success’ look like in 2008?

- Social Scientists and their discovery about happy people.
- Lessons from ‘Lego’ and the power of clicking.

“Make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it as on a seal: HOLY TO THE LORD”

(Exodus 28:36)

- Christian Schwarz and the launch of the ‘church-health’ movement.

The ABC’s of Loving Relationships

Text: 1 John 3:11-20 (NIV)

“This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous (ACCOUNTABILITY). Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers (BELONGING). Anyone who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth (CARE).”

1. Accountability

→ Jesus knew that community precedes ministry. (Luke 10:1)

→ David learned that corner-cutting often happens in isolation. (2 Samuel 11:1)

→ Not about license or legalism ... but about liberty and learning.

2. Belonging

- The tragedy of the ‘orphaned’ condition.
- Everyone wants to be in a small group.
- “Cheers” and our desire to belong ...

- a. Everyone knows your name (Colossians 4)
- b. People are glad that you came (1 Thessalonians 5:26)
- c. Troubles are all the same (Philippians 4:14)

3. Care

→ ***Biblical Foundation ...***

- a. The Body of Christ
- b. Spiritual gifts
- c. Equipping of the saints for ministry
- d. Persecution ready

→ ***Primary reason we resist*** – “I don’t need it” ... “but someone else might need you.”