

BUILT TOGETHER: 5 DAY DEVOTIONAL ON COMMUNITY

Day 5 – Shining Together

Scripture: “*You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.*” – Matthew 5:14 (NIV)

Community isn’t just about what happens *within* us — it’s also about what shines *through* us. When believers come together in unity, the world takes notice. Our love becomes a living testimony that points people to Jesus.

Jesus called us “the light of the world,” not individual candles flickering in isolation, but a *city on a hill* — a collection of lights burning brightly together. One small flame can pierce the darkness, but many flames united can illuminate an entire landscape. That’s the power of godly community: it multiplies the light.

When the early Church gathered in prayer, worship, and service, people outside the faith saw something different — kindness, generosity, and genuine love. Acts 2:47 says, “*And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*” Their unity drew others in. They didn’t need loud platforms or perfect programs — their love spoke louder than words.

Our modern world is hungry for that kind of light. So many live in loneliness, confusion, and fear. When they encounter a community that listens, forgives, and loves like Jesus, they glimpse the Kingdom of God on earth.

Being part of that light means living intentionally — praying together, serving together, forgiving quickly, and choosing love when it would be easier to turn away. Every time we reflect Christ in our relationships, we push back the darkness around us.

So don't underestimate your role in God's story. Whether you're encouraging a friend, volunteering at church, or offering kindness to a stranger, you're helping the light of Christ shine brighter through your community.

Reflection Questions:

1. How does your life reflect the light of Christ to others?
2. In what ways can your community or church become more visible as a source of hope and love?
3. Who might be drawn closer to Jesus because of the way your community shines together?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for calling us to be lights in this world. Help us to shine together — not for our glory, but for Yours. Unite our hearts so that our love becomes a beacon of hope for those who are lost and hurting. Let our community reflect Your goodness in every word, every act, and every gathering. **In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**