

THE COMMUNITY CHRIST CREATED

Introduction – Those who come to faith in Jesus and decide to become His disciples should be baptized into Christ. This unites them with the body of Christ, which is the church. We are not joining a religious institution, but are committing ourselves to creating a new community.

A. Jesus created a new community during His earthly ministry.

Mark 3:13-15

Mark 4:1

Mark 14:32-34

Mark 16:15-20

B. The early church was modeled on Jesus' example.

Acts 2:42-47

Acts 20:7, 20

C. The new Christ community was characterized by close spiritual relationships.

Romans 15:7

Hebrews 3:12-13

Galatians 5:13

Galatians 6:1-2, 10

D. Four-generational spiritual mentoring is the Jesus example followed by the early church.

Jesus trained the twelve, the 72 (Luke 10:1), resulting in about 500 disciples by the end of His earthly ministry (1 Cor. 15:6).

2 Timothy 2:1-2

Conclusion – The role of the Christ community is to make disciples. This requires creating a congregational environment where everyone can mature through spiritual mentoring.

Ephesians 4:11-13, 16