YOU'VE GOT TO GET CONNECTED

Essentials for 21st Century Living

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"It is not good for man to be alone." Genesis. 2:18

God's word for "connecting with others":

I. WHY IS IT VITAL TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS?

II. WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE SPIRITUALLY CONNECTED?

4 metaphors for being part of a church

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1.]	IT'S LIKE BEING Au>
	"You believers <u>are like a building that God owns</u> Jesus is the most important stone in the building and the whole building is <u>joined</u> together in Christ <u>You are being built into a place where God</u> lives
	through the Spirit." Eph 2:20+22 (ICB) "We who believe are <u>carefully joined together</u> , becoming a holy temple for the Lord." Eph. 2:21 (NLT)
	In a BUILDING, the connected parts
2.	IT'S LIKE BEING A

"Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with <u>Christ's Body</u>. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So <u>we belong to each other</u>, and <u>each of us needs all the others</u>."

Rom. 12:4-5 (LB)

"In Christ's Body we're all connected to each other..." Eph. 4:25b (Mes)

"We are <u>joined together</u> in His Body by His strong sinews, and <u>we grow</u> as we get our nourishment and strength from God." Col. 2:19 (NLT)

• In a BODY, the connected parts _____

3. IT'S LIKE BEING A_____

"God made us, and we are His. We are His people, the <u>sheep</u> of His pasture."

Ps. 100:3 (NLT)

"Take care of God's flock, His people, that you are responsible for.	Watch over them because you want
to, not because you are forced to do it." 1 Peter 5:2 (ICB)	

• In a FLOCK, the sheep are _____

4. IT'S LIKE BEING A _____

"I want you to know how people who are <u>members of God's family</u> must live. God's family is the <u>church</u>..." I Tim. 3:15 (GWT)

"Love each other like brothers and sisters." Rom. 12:10 (NCV)

• In a FAMILY, the members _____

How can I get connected to this church family?

"First they gave themselves to the Lord; and then, by God's will, they gave themselves to us as well." 2 Cor. 8:5 (GN)