

# I Love My Church

## Message Two: Community

Last week we talked about the importance of not just knowing our core values, but living them. Yesterday we had our “Big Serve Team” training day and it was awesome. (I already knew) Thank you to all that stepped up to the plate...ready to serve. Today in part two we talk about our fences, and roadblocks to community within the church & fellowship - and how God has designed us for relationships. Let's dig in.

### Hebrews 10:19-25

#### FENCES!

1. God wants us to connect with Him & \_\_\_\_\_ with others.
2. Know that God \_\_\_\_\_ the fence. (Hebrews 10:19-22)

#### OUR FENCE!

Romans 3:23—We all have a giant fence.  
Romans 6:23—Because of that fence, we'll never get to God.  
Romans 5:8—God knew we'd have a big fence before we even had a yard!  
Romans 10:9-10—If we just admit we have a fence and we need it torn down, Jesus crashes the fence for us.  
Romans 10:13—He never denies a fence-crashing job ... ever.

God crashed the fence between Him and us because He loves us. We're born into sin—our first fence—which keeps us from true community with Him. And it's only when we admit our failing, realize and accept that Jesus on the cross has crashed the fence of sin, and only because of that can we have relationship with God, can we truly be in community with Him.

**Have you ever drawn near to God? Have you ever acknowledged what Jesus has done on the cross and allowed Him into your life—all of it, the front and back?**

3. Allow \_\_\_\_\_ in your yard. (Heb.10:25)  
Connect to Community: Small Groups, Special Events, Texts, Calls, Social Media, Outreach, Missions...
4. Enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_. (Heb.10:24)  
Living life in one another's yards, without fences, is going to take not only intentionality but also strategy.

On a scale between 1 and 10, with 1 being the lowest and 10 the highest, how much effort are you putting into connecting with others? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10

What would you need to do to raise your number by one or two levels in the next few weeks? \_\_\_\_\_.

5. I can't do life \_\_\_\_\_.  
We need God and we need each other.

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