

Fear, Faith and the Future

Message 5: "The Necessity of Small Communities"

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*What must we do as followers of Jesus Christ in the world today,
both individually and as a believing community, to persevere in our
faith in and obedience to Christ in the face of increasing
opposition and potential persecution?*

The third imperative that I believe is absolutely necessary for Christian perseverance is vital participation in a small group.

For over 2,000 years, Christians living under totalitarian regimes have understood the necessity of small communities within the church.

Vital participation in a small group only makes sense in light of the times. Hebrews 10:25

Vital participation in a small group will help you to persist in faithfulness to Jesus Christ, who is faithful.

Hebrews 10:23

Vital participation in a small group enables us to persist in faithfulness to one another. Hebrews 10:24; 1 Peter 4:7-11

To neglect Christian community was understood by New Testament writers as abandonment or desertion. Hebrews 10:25

Vital participation in a small group provides personal accountability to live in love. Hebrews 10:24

Vital participation in a small group provides encouragement to live in truth. Hebrews 10:25

Vital participation in a small group is a _____.

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