

**Sermon: “*The Church: A Close (Not a Closed!) Community*”**

**“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,** singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

**John 1:1, 14** “In the beginning was **the Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

**Ephesians 3:17** “That **Christ may dwell in your hearts** through faith.”

**I. The Word of Christ richly dwelling in us**

**II. The people of Christ relationally “dwelling” with one another**

**A. Teaching one another**

**B. Admonishing one another**

**The “one another” commandments in the Bible assume believers living in *community*: –  
The people who worshipped together walked through life together;  
The people who walked through life together worshiped together.**

**I Corinthians 10:16-17** “The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, **we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.**”