

The Heart Attitudes

1. Participate

Participate in the ministry of River Community Church.

- *1 Peter 4:10-11*: Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

* It is God's ministry, and He arranges the ministers as He wants (1 Corinthians 12:12, 18-20, 27); therefore if River is where God wants you, He has a role for you to play here.

- *1 Corinthians 12*: ¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

2. Share

Demonstrate an open and honest life.

- *Ephesians 4:25*: Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.
- *Proverbs 12:19*: Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.
- *1 John 1:5-10*: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. ⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

3. Forgive

Maintain clear relationships.

- *Matthew 5:23-24*: "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift."

Our assumption: we will sin against each other.

4. Serve

Put the success of others above your own.

- *Philippians 2:3-4*: Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of the others.
- *John 13:14-15*: Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

5. Follow

Submit to the leadership of River within scriptural limits.

- *1 Thessalonians 5:12-13*: Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. ¹³ Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.
- *Hebrews 13:17*: Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Not blindly – but according to scripture. What can I do to make my leaders' job more joyful?

6. Give

Support the work of River financially.

- *2 Corinthians 9:6-8*: Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.
- *1 Timothy 5:17-18*: The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. ¹⁸ For Scripture says, "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages."

7. Engage

Give and receive spiritual correction.

- *Matthew 18:15*: "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over."
- *Hebrews 3:12-13*: See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.
- *Hebrews 10:24-25*: And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
- *Ephesians 4:15*: Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.