

## Christian Community outline

### PREFACE

The material included in these pages is meant to give you, the Rollista, something as a basic help in your presentation of the CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY talk. You are encouraged to follow the outline guide for DIRECTION OF CONTENT, but NOT AS THE CONTENT itself.

This talk must bridge a gap for the Cursillistas between s/he being an individual Christian, and, being a part of the larger community—God's Church in the world. As you prepare your talk, please be sure to read all the supporting Scripture passages which seem most appropriate for your rollo. When you give your rollo, please read the passages you choose as a part of your talk. Let God speak through His Word and tell how it relates to you and your experiences in life. This is a strong witness talk, so make it personal—make it YOU. The time allotted for this talk is a maximum of 30 minutes.

Included are additional materials that might be helpful to you. All material given to you is meant to guide your thinking while at the same time you have the freedom of your individual expression.

God's Blessings be yours as you prepare for your presentation of the CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY rollo.

### SYNOPSIS

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY is that group of Christians committed to Christ and to each other in a caring, sharing fellowship, who are then equipped together to bring healing and redemption to the world, which is their environment.

### OUTLINE#13 CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Review...

#### I. INTRODUCTION

A. Environment needs interaction with Christian Community which reflects the attitudes of Christian self-giving, joy, and the spirit of Christ. Without that spirit, there is no Life in Grace.

B Fulfillment as Christians can come only as found within Christian Community; then we can feel the love of others, and the acceptance necessary to be truly free. Also, then God's love, which is grace, can be full; for 'When two or more are gathered in my name, I am there with you.' Christianity is based on community.

[Matt. 18:20](#) — where 2 or 3 are gathered together

[Mark 3:13-19](#) — chose 12 disciples

[Acts 2:42-47](#) — early Church gathered together

#### II. Description of Christian Community

A. Christians who have a vital, living union with Christ and who are grouped together to live their Christian lives committed to Him. [Col. 3:17](#)

1. Have a Mark of Identity | [Peter 3:18-22](#)

Baptism completed by Profession of Faith

2. Come together to praise and worship [Acts 2:46,47](#) Dedicated to live that Christian life to its fullest through the power of the Holy Spirit as given by God's Grace, thus sharing the same Ideal.

B. A Fellowship of the Redeemed - Body of Christ [Acts 2:42-47](#) True friendship is key to Christian Community—self-giving based on mutual love of God...one with Christ, one with the Church, and one in its mission in the world.

Committed to each other.

1. Christian Community is like a body—all parts are important and need each other [1 Cor. 12:12-30](#)

2. Fellowship to support and care [Rom. 1:12](#)

Live and share anxieties, problems and joys

There is understanding.

3. Work together by power of Holy Spirit to be channels of

God's Grace — with conducive qualities for a vibrant Christian community [1 Peter 4:8-11](#)

a. Availability [1 Peter 3:15,16](#)

b. Generosity — sharing, giving — especially time and self [Matt. 6:33](#); giving self generously in serving the Kingdom of God and its justice. Come together not to do, but to give of self.

c. Complete faith in guidance of Holy Spirit

[Matt. 17: 20](#)

d. Spirit of love [1 Cor. 13](#)

A certain kind of attitude [1 Cor. 13:4-8a](#)

Charity to work as a team

e. Humility [Matt. 20:26](#), [Eph. 2:8-10](#)

Understand who is responsible for Rebirth

f. Wholeness [Gal. 5:22-26](#)

g. Alertness and Sensitivity [Eph. 4:17-32](#)

h. Perseverance [II Thess. 3:13](#)

i. Confidence, initiative — Victory in Jesus

[1 Cor. 15:56,57](#), [1 John 5:3,4](#)

C. Those who know Christ (Study), Live Christ (Piety), and are committed to serve Christ (Action), by reaching out to the needs of the world.

1. They share a desire to be led by the Holy Spirit as they share with one another their hopes and work for Christ for the evangelization of the world and have a goal to have some kind of unified effect on society.

2. A motivated core of dedicated leaders and believers who recognize needs and will assume responsibility by using a variety of gifts and talents in the fulfilling of the mandate given by Christ. [Matt. 28:19,20](#), [Phil. 4:13](#)

Men and women dedicated to live from the Truth and in the Truth as Christian leaders; each tuned to be a specific part of the community. All are leaders making the way,

leading, directing - [1 Cor. 12](#), [Eph. 4:11,12](#) - taking on the mission of Christ. [Rom. 2:13](#), [Eph. 4:29](#), [James 1:23,24](#), [Mark 12:30,31](#)

III.

Need For Action by Christian Community [Matt. 9:37,38](#)

A. World needs help

1. All human environments need Christ [Romans 3:23](#), [6:23](#)

2. Loneliness prevails and needs exist [Gal. 6:10](#)

Some groups committed to Christ have lost sight of community. [James 1:19-27](#)

3. Christian Community can have impact on human environments People need people.

a. Built on solid ground [Heb. 12:2](#), [Heb. 5:9](#)

b. Begin small — possibly one-on-one [Mark 12:30,31](#)

c. Gradually and naturally environment can become part of

Christian Community ([Matt. 5:14,15](#)) because Christian Community involves:

(1) Family — backbone of people

First experience of community

(2) Church — heart of people

(3) Work — hands of people

(4) Social — emotion of people — the laughter  
and tears

To fulfill the mandate of Christ Matt. [Rom. 2:13](#), [Eph. 4:29](#), [James 1:23,24](#),  
28:19,20, [Mark 12:30,31](#)

IV. How God's people become His Community in Action

A. Have Christian Ideal

See a need—seek to meet that need together

8. Live Life of Piety by power of Holy Spirit

1. [John 14:26](#) — need Holy Spirit

2. [John 16:7](#) — promises Holy Spirit

3. [Acts 1:8](#) — will receive power of Holy Spirit

C. Regular Study — daily

D. Celebrate the Sacraments

E. Understand Obstacles

Study environment so obstacles can be overcome

F. Faithfulness of Christian Community to be like Christ because  
of His Grace.

V. Conclusion

A. Someone reached out to you to encourage you to be here this weekend.

B. We have experienced Christian Community this weekend.

C. We eagerly go back, to live out these challenges as a part of Christian Community.

ADDITIONAL NOTES/MATERIALS THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL — CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

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bridge a gap. Cursillista as an individual and part of a knit group must live his/her Christian life intensely as  
evangelizing community—which is God's Church in the  
Piety & Study creates a spark — with Christian Community as the bellows creating real interaction. Result:  
Impact on Environment.

Christian Community Christian Community Christian Community  
cannot exist for itself. is for evangelization of the world. has a place and mission in the world.  
Community

[Genesis 2:18](#) [Eccl. 4:9](#),10,12

creation

two are better than one

When you came you may have felt unknown — unloved

Now you're here - - - you are known — you are loved

Also true of the TEAM; has been meeting together and getting to know each other better. So it is—to know,  
is to love.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer:

"When the Christ in me is weak, I find a strongel-  
Christ in the heart of a Christian friend."

1. 'where 2 or 3 are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them'.

2. Through group, lay persons make Christ present in world.

3. This group based on becoming friends in Christ.

4. Group can only exist as long as it reaches out to world.

Environment: Gathering of people has a tone/atmosphere of its own. Reflects the people and the purpose of  
grouping creates a certain spirit.

Christian Community: Reflects attitudes of Christian self-giving, joy,

spirit of Christ.

You are here — response of Christian Community:

Team

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