



Journey: Traveling with our Friends

A ticket for trouble: Two city kids in the Canadian wilderness.

- **Problem:** Christ-followers in America are often far more influenced by the American value of independence than by the biblical value of interdependence.
- **Tension:** We are often not well connected with each other for two reasons:
 - ...we have no idea how we are truly related to each other.
 - ...we have no idea what we need from and what we need to give to each other.

Our relationship to each other: We are fellow colony members in a foreign land. Phil 3:20, 21.

- The people of Philippi were colonists of Rome:
- The believers were colonists of heaven:
- As believers our citizenship (commonwealth or state or civic entity) is in heaven:
- As believers our place of citizenship or our homeland is in heaven:
- Politeuma= a colony of foreigners in a foreign land:
- As believers we have established a beachhead in this culture:
- We “eagerly await” (tiptoe anticipation and longing) a Savior:
- Our Savior will transform us:

What we must receive from and give to each other: the seven things below and more:

- Stimulation to love (Heb 10:24):
- Stimulation to do good works (Heb 10:24):
- Encouragement (Heb 10:25):
 - *These three happen primarily when we are “assembled.”*
- Increased profit/impact through synergy (Eccl 4:9):
- Help in times of difficulty (Eccl 4:10):
- Comfort in times of scarcity (Eccl 4:11):
- Protection in times of danger (Eccl 4:12):
 - *Two are good and three are even better.*
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For Instance:

Application:

Walking Papers

Practical helps for walking with Christ this week.

- **Core Idea:** The only way for Christ-followers to thrive in the journey...is to be continually connected with each other.

Please take some time each day this week for "spiritual recalibration" by thinking through the following ideas and questions related to having "eternity in our hearts:"

- **Today:** What were the realities and the nature of the experience for the first colonists who came to America and began the first colonies?
- **Monday:** What are the basic duties of a citizen? What are the duties of a citizen who is living in a country outside of the country of their citizenship? (For example, what are the duties of a German citizen who is living in Canada?)
- **Tuesday:** How do colonists need each other? How do colonists help each other? What happens when colonists don't help each other?
- **Wednesday:** What are the realities of "establishing a beachhead in a culture?" How does this relate to the concept of yeast in a lump of dough?
- **Thursday:** How do we "stimulate each other to love?"
- **Friday:** How do we "stimulate each other to do good deeds?"
- **Saturday:** How do we give encouragement to each other?
- **Bonus Item:** Have you ever witnessed the "crash" of an unconnected believer? What was it like? How might connections with other believers have helped that person?