Cayucos Community Church Sermon Notes: 7-19-2020, Pastor Dale James

# **Made for Community**

### What a week will bring about!

"We are not necessarily doubting that God will do the best for us; we are wondering how painful the best will turn out to be." (C S Lewis)

**Review:** When God is in His rightful place, all else takes its place.

Now we get a little more practice.

A benefit to the virus: we see afresh the genius of the church and our inbred wiring for relationship.

The toll of separation, isolation and loneliness

Chronic stress

## Made in the image & likeness of God as relational beings

Image implies:

Genesis 1

God's fellowship with Himself

We're created for relationship

We use isolation as consequence/punishment. Why?

### Redemption = God's message that He values relationship

I believe God is calling His people and world to wake up to our need for relationship in general, and for relationship with Him in particular.

John 14:15-23

John 17:1-5

1 John 1:3-7

Implications:

# How might we respond to virus-induced separations?

Let it drive us to deeper relationship with God.

Let it catalyze creative and intentional ways to increase your current fellowship with other believers.

Take it Home