

Herd Immunity Part 1: Better Together

Herd immunity – occurs when a large portion of a community (the herd) becomes **immune** to a disease, making the spread of disease from person to person unlikely. As a result, the whole community becomes **protected** – not just those who are immune.

Spiritual Herd Immunity – when a large portion of a community (the herd) becomes like **Jesus Christ**, making the spread of pride, sin and hatred less likely. As a result, the whole community is **loved and protected** with grace and truth.

*“While knowledge makes us feel important, **it is love that strengthens the church**. Anyone who claims to know all the answers doesn’t really know very much. But the person who **loves God** is the one whom God recognizes.” 1 Corinthians 8:1-3 NLT*

“All we say to America is to be true to what you said on paper. If I lived in China or even Russia, or any totalitarian country, maybe I could understand some of these illegal injunctions. Maybe I could understand the denial of certain basic First Amendment privileges, because they haven't committed themselves to that over there. But somewhere I read of the freedom of assembly. Somewhere I read (Yes) of the freedom of speech. (Yes) Somewhere I read (All right) of the freedom of press. (Yes) Somewhere I read (Yes) that the greatness of America is the right to protest for right. And so just as I say we aren't going to let any dogs or water hoses turn us around, we aren't going to let any injunction turn us around. We are going on. We need all of you.” – Martin Luther King Jr.

✓ **When we talk our emotional health is better.**

✓ **When we work together our physical health is better.**

✓ **When we worship together our spiritual health is better.**

“We don't have to argue with anybody. We don't have to curse and go around acting bad with our words. We don't need any bricks and bottles; we don't need any Molotov cocktails. (Yes) We just need to go around to these stores (Yes sir), and to these massive industries in our country (Amen), and say, “God sent us by here (All right) to say to you that you're not treating His children right. (That's right) And we've come by here to ask you to make the first item on your agenda fair treatment where God's children are concerned.”
– Martin Luther King Jr.

*"Love does **no harm** to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law."
Romans 13:10 NKJV*

Better Together

*"Then the Lord God said, "It is **not good** for the man to **live alone**. I will make a suitable companion to help him."" Genesis 2:18 GNT*

1. Find a friend to sharpen you.

*"As iron sharpens iron, so a friend **sharpens** a friend." Proverbs 27:17 NLT*

*"Faithful are the **wounds of a friend**, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful."
Proverbs 27:6 NKJV*

2. Find a mentor to challenge you.

*"I'm writing as a father to you, my children. I love you and want you to **grow up well**, not spoiled. There are a lot of people around who can't wait to tell you what you've done wrong, but there aren't many **fathers** willing to take the time and effort to **help you grow up**." 1 Corinthians 4:14-16 MSG*

3. Find a group to help you make a difference.

*"Let us think of ways to **motivate one another** to **acts of love** and **good works**."
Hebrews 10:24 NLT*