

**Building Community (part 2)
Devoted to the Word of God**

How does the Word of God affect community?

3 basic sources for our spiritual direction and values.

1. The Word of God... *or*
2. Your word or opinion... *or*
3. The word of some other... individual... false deity... religion

1. The Word of God is the means by which we all enter the believing community.

- A. Ephesians 1:11-14 Acts 8:14 Acts 11:1 Acts 13:48
- B. James 1:18
- C. 1 Peter 1:23
- D. 2 Timothy 3:15

2. The Word of God is synonymous with Christ.

- A. Hebrews 1:1
- B. John 1:1 Revelation 19:13
- C. 1 John 1:1

3. The Word of God produces maturity in us.

“Sanctify” = to set apart as holy

- A. John 17:15-17
- B. Hebrews 4:12-13 James 1:19-25

4. The Word of God brings unity to the community.

- A. The Word of God is our only authority. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- B. The Word of God is our only guide in partnership with the Holy Spirit. John 16:13 Ephesians 6:17

5. The Word of God is to be proclaimed.

Acts 4:29, 31 Acts 8:4