



SERMON NOTES

GROWING

TOGETHER

WORKING ON UNITY

I. Sliding Away --

The “Teflon” Church

- Churches become coated because of their size.
- Churches become coated because of their structure.
- Churches become coated because of their style.

II. Sticking Together --

The “Velcro” Church (Mark 10:35-45)

- Why did The Twelve stay with Jesus?
... to be served.
- Why did Jesus stay with The Twelve?
... to serve.

III. Growing Together --

The “Let Us” Church (Hebrews 10)

- Vs. 22— *“Let us draw near to God”*
Our relationships **here**
depend on our relationship **there**.
- Vs. 23— *“Let us hold unwavering to the hope”*
Our relationships will **succeed**
if we **stay on course**.
- Vs. 24— *“Let us consider how to spur one another on”*
Our relationships will **grow**
if we **follow a plan**.
- Vs. 25— *“Let us not give up meeting together”*
Our relationships will **mature**
when we **are together**.
- Vs. 25— *“Let us encourage one another”*
Our relationships will **thrive**
when we give each other **courage**.

Living The Message

- Learn to **accept** rather than **control**.
- Take time to **discern** rather than **ignore**.
- Offer to **empower** rather than **discourage**.