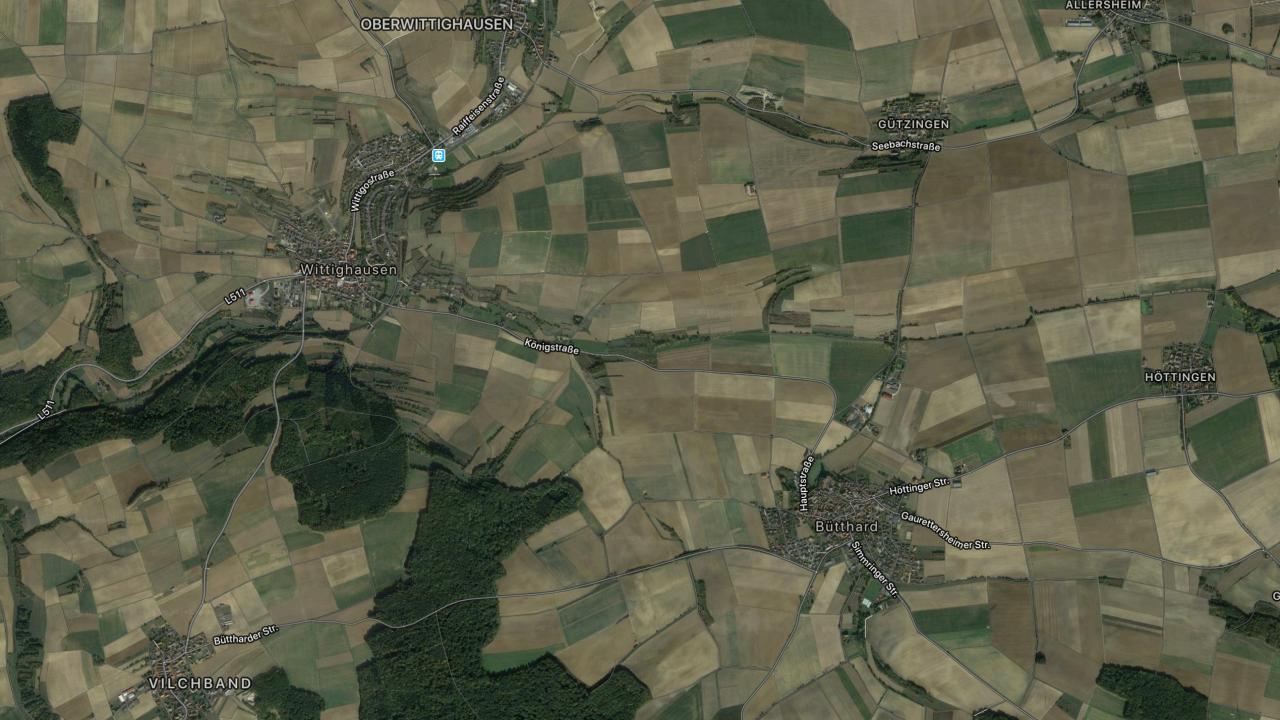
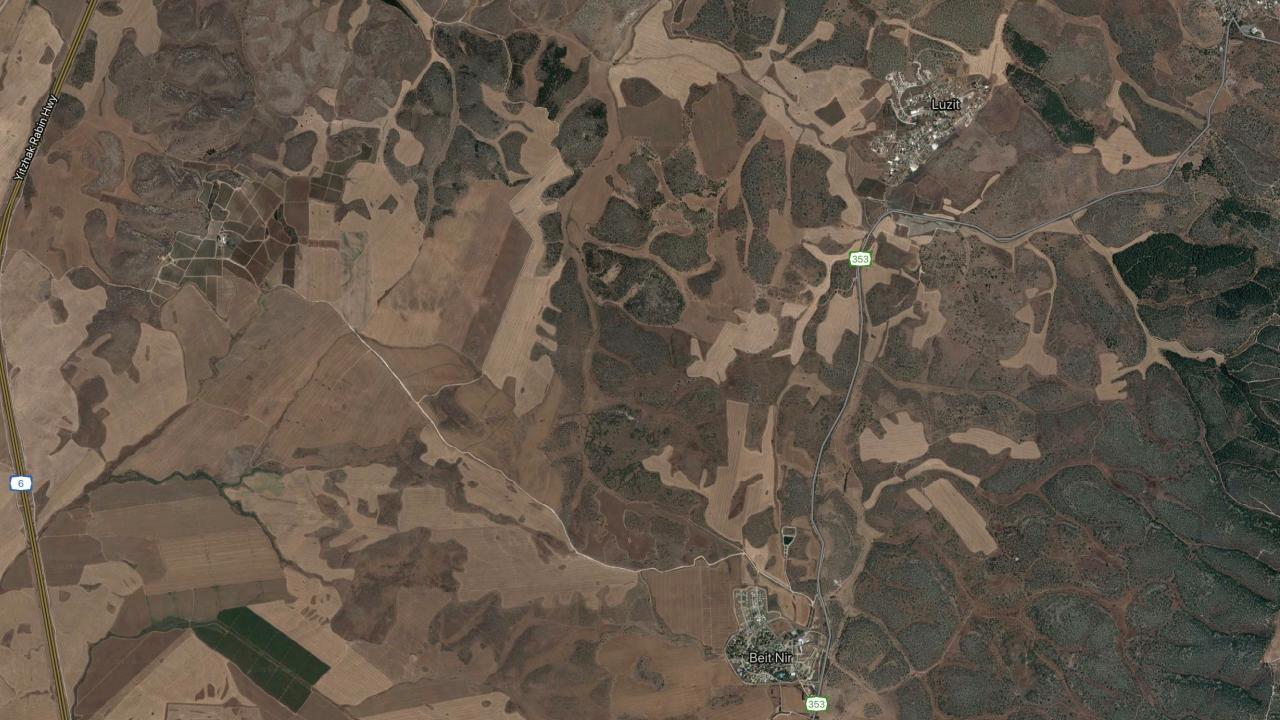


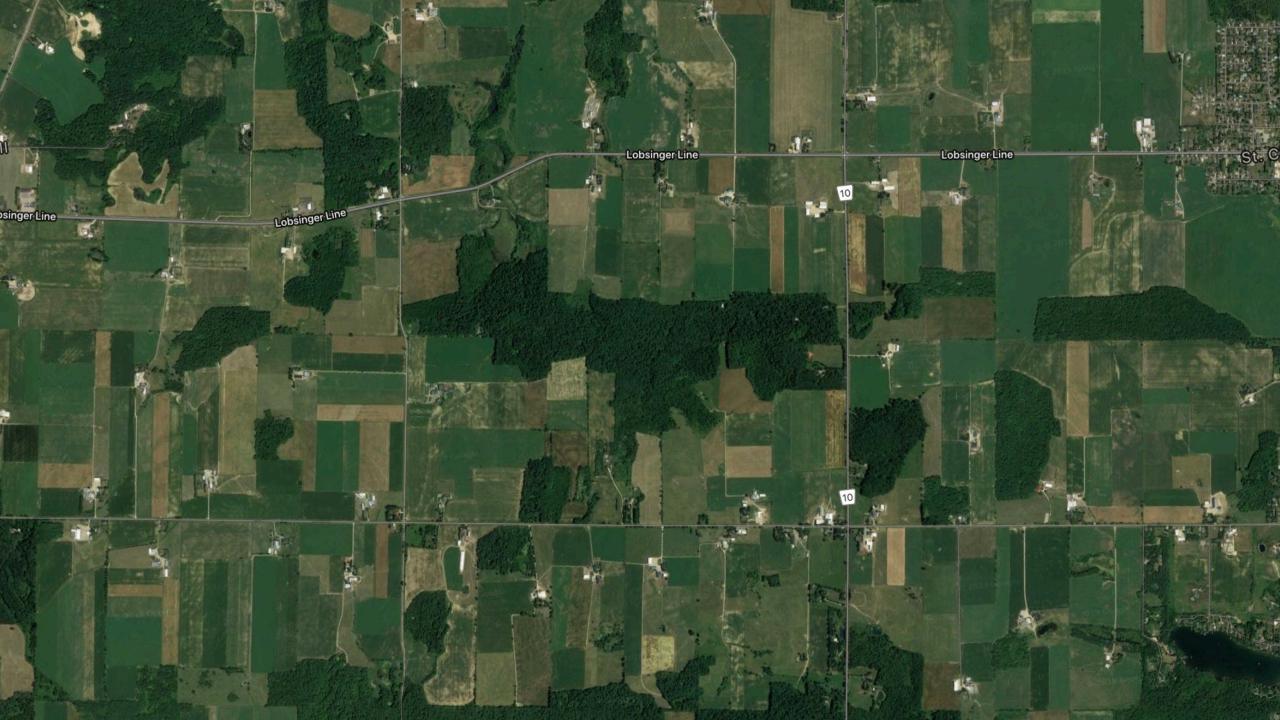


Independence vs. Interdependence

















































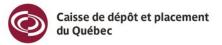






























Cultural Value: Independence

1 Co. 12: 12-27

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free —and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.



Now if the foot should say,

"Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.

And if the ear should say,

"Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.

If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment.



But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored every part rejoices with it.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.





Biblical Value: Interdependence



5) BE A CARING FAMILY. We will be a church where people of every age connect with meaningful relationships, are involved and have a place to belong—where each person is loved, cared for and encouraged; a place to find direction and learn how to listen to God, ask questions, and seek the guidance of others; a place to be challenged—confronted about sin, spurred on toward love and good deeds, and held accountable for commitment before God; a place to take off masks—to be truly open and authentic, disclosing brokenness, temptations, and sins; a place where we can celebrate our joys, blessings, and successes; a place to give—according to ability, using spiritual gifts, contributing to something beyond ourselves.

I Corinthians 12:12-27, Galatians 6:1-10





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Reflection

Do you have needs too big to deal with yourself?

Are you plugged into an environment where you can express and feel the expression of a family?

How can you grow in being a caring body to each other?