



LIFE TOGETHER

“Why You Need Community”

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INTRODUCTION

Living for ourselves and without the blessings and benefits of community, leads to loneliness and bitterness. However, when we connect deeply with others, we enjoy some of the richest blessings that God has to offer in this life! Our lives are enriched, we grow in our faith, we get strength for storms, and we are sharpened by the relationships around us. Indeed, we are BETTER when we do LIFE TOGETHER.

WARMING UP

1. Have you ever been part of a GREAT group or a GREAT team? What made it so great?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Though most people can appreciate our need for community...we oftentimes choose to live without it. What are some reasons we choose to live without community (BE HONEST☺)...and try to do life alone...even if it's just for “a season”?
2. Read Psalm 133. Describe a time in your life where you experienced some rich blessings of community through close-knit relationships. What were some of the blessings you were most grateful for?
3. Read Hebrews 10:24-25. Why do you think love and encouragement are important? What is one instance where someone in your “circle” went out of his/her way to “spur you on”—and love you or encourage you in a tangible way? How might this result in you doing more good works in your life?
4. Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. What stands out to you most about this passage? When is the last time you were “down,” and had someone there (from your community) to help you up?
 - a. Have you ever felt “down” or “cold”...and felt alone, like you didn't have anyone to help you up or defend you? Describe that experience.

5. Read Mark 2:1-12. Do you have friends who would “break through a roof” for you? Share an example of when you did that for them, or they did that for you? Why are these relationships so important in life?
6. What can we learn about community from the life, death and resurrection of Jesus? How did he live in community? How did his death, resurrection and grace help us enjoy community with God and each other?
7. What is one step you can do THIS WEEK to “make room” in your life to cultivate real community?

COMMIT TO MEMORY

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25

PRAY ABOUT IT

What was your biggest takeaway from this message/lesson, and why? Pray for each other, for your group to grow in community. Also pray for EVERYONE in/around CPC to CONNECT in real community.