



## LIFE TOGETHER: The Power of Community

### "Better Together"

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#### INTRODUCTION

Last week we looked at barriers and benefits to doing life together. This week we take a closer look at aspects of life where we are BETTER TOGETHER...and address the surprising area of life that many people think is just a "personal" thing: our relationship with God. From there, we look at biblical, sociological, spiritual and personal examples that show we are created for community, and we're truly better together. Lastly...we boldly ask EVERY person to step into community and join a group.

#### WARMING UP

1. Share an experience in your life that was better because you were together with other people.

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Psalm 133:1 & 3b; James 5:16; and 1 Corinthians 12:12-27. The biblical benefit of community is LIFE itself...with the blessings that God intended for us to experience together with other people. Which of these biblical examples is most encouraging to you, and why?
2. The "Roseto Effect" shows the sociological benefit of living in community is HEALTH. Ask someone to "reset" the story of the "Roseto Effect" that Tyler told, and share one way you believe God can work through community to improve your health.
3. Read Philippians 2:20. Name two important friends in your life, and why you "have no one else like" them.
4. Read Colossians 3:12-14. Based on this passage, share ONE way you see that God works through community to bring GROWTH in our lives.
  - a. What did you think of the "parachute" visual? Think of a way God has worked/is working through community to help you grow and be lifted up.
5. Read Proverbs 27:17. As you recall the powerful testimony of Julie's story...how does God work (or how HAS God worked) to bring you STRENGTH through others in a time of serious need? What was the result of that strengthening and sharpening?
6. How and where are YOU connected in community? What is one way to take a step to deepen that connection?

### COMMIT TO MEMORY

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

Psalms 133:1

### PRAY ABOUT IT

Share prayer requests with one another. Have each person in your group commit to praying for ONE other person in the group this week (and make sure everyone is covered☺). Close in prayer and thank God for His blessings through life together in community.