

Community Groups

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Use this guide to help your community group engage further with this week's sermon.

Church: A Community of Communities (1 Corinthians 12:12-27) September 1, 2024

1. What has led to a positive and/or negative experience of community in your life?
2. Look through Genesis 1-3 and discuss these questions about **God's design** for community and **sin's effect** on it:
 - a. What leads God to say, "it is good" and "it is not good"?
 - b. What does Adam discover after God gives him the task of naming the animals?
 - c. With whom did God create humans to have relationships and community?
 - d. How does sin affect the ability to commune in these relationships?
3. Look through 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 and discuss **Jesus' vision for community** among His followers:
 - a. What image does Paul use to describe the church?
 - b. Who is the church meant to **unify** around? What happens when we don't? (vv. 12-13; also Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18)?
 - c. What's the danger in believing "everyone should be like me"?
 - d. How could God use **diverse** gifts, perspectives, and preferences to strengthen our church?
4. Discuss how God is using His Word to transform your life right now.
 - a. Should you be **dependent** on others in our church or independent? Explain.
 - b. How does your life demonstrate a "you don't need me" and/or "I don't need you" mentality in our church community? What experiences are behind this?
 - c. How does this passage make you thankful for God's grace through Christ?
 - d. By God's grace, what's one step you can take into deeper community at LGC?
 - e. In light of what we've discussed, how would you like our group to pray for you?
5. Consider singing "Our God Will Go Before Us" together before or after you pray (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TmEYeZB8dDI>).