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A Small Group Series

Part 5: Where Is My Community?

Genesis 1:26

26Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Genesis 2:18

18The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Ephesians 2:19-21

19Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of His household, 20built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

Proverbs 27:17

17As iron sharpens iron,
so one person sharpens another.

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Message notes:

We're not created to be _____, individual, set apart people

You'll never find that fullness without having _____ involved in your life.

God says, it's not good for you to be alone, that there is more for you, that you are created and you find your _____ in community, in relationships.

When God forms us, He forms within us a _____ to belong and He gives us a place to belong where we can be home.

The _____ that God wants to do on the potter's wheel, on the blacksmith's anvil, often comes from those who are around us.

He places us together and we _____ each other to grow into who He's creating us to be.

That we can walk into the purposes that God has for us _____.

It's not on you to have all of the _____ for each other, but it's that you can help point each other back to Jesus.

Additional notes:

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Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Jasen states that “you will never find the fullness of your purpose as created by God without having others involved in your life.” Why do you think this is true?
2. How does understanding that we are created in the image of the relational Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) change your perspective on the importance of community in your spiritual life?
3. Think about a time when someone in community helped you see something about yourself (a gift, a blind spot, a calling) that you couldn't see on your own. What was that experience like?
4. In what practical ways can your small group function as ‘iron sharpening iron’ to help each member become who God has called them to be?
5. Ephesians 2:19 states, “Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of His household.” What does it mean that we are “members of God’s household” and not just acquaintances or casual friends?

Ministry Time:

Take some time as a group to thank God for the specific people He’s placed in this group and the family you’re becoming together. Ask the Holy Spirit to give group members words of encouragement or insight for each other.

Is there anyone who needs specific prayer for a struggle with isolation or loneliness? Ask God to comfort them, and remind them they are not in this group by accident, that God has purposefully brought you all together for this season.