

# WE VALUE COMMUNITY

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*“Love the community of believers.” (1 Peter 2:17, NlrV)*

**Community provides an environment for:**

## **CONNECTIVITY**

*“Love one another like members of the same family.” (1 Peter 3:8, NlrV)*

Every believer needs to know they are part of a family

## **MEMBER CARE**

*“In Christ we are one body. And each part of the body belongs to all the other parts.”  
(Romans 12:5, NlrV)*

Every believer needs to be as committed to each other as we are to Christ

## **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

*“He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”  
(Ephesians 4:16, NLT)*

Every believer needs to grow to be like Jesus

### **Why should I HOST a small group?**

It demonstrates **MY LOVE** for God

*“Christ has given us this commandment: The person who loves God must also love other believers.” (1 John 4:21, GW)*

*“So reach out and welcome one another to God’s glory.”  
(Romans 15:7, The Message)*

It strengthens **MY FAITH**

*“God’s gifts of grace come in many forms. Each of you has received a gift in order to serve others. You should use it faithfully.” (1 Peter 4:10, NlrV)*

*“For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.”  
(Philippians 2:13, NLT)*

It deepens **MY COMMITMENT** to others

*“The believers studied what the apostles taught. They shared life together. They broke bread and ate together. And they prayed.” (Acts 2:42, NIV)*

*“So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you’ll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind.” (1 Thessalonians 5:11, The Message)*

It provides me a front row seat to **LIFE CHANGE**

*“[Priscilla and Aquila] invited [Apollus] to their home. There they gave him a better understanding of the way of God.” (Acts 18:26, NIV)*

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22–23, HCSB)*

Action Step: **HOST A SMALL GROUP**