

WHY I NEED COMMUNITY

The Cure for Loneliness: Part 4

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"In the same way, even though we are many individuals, Christ makes us one body and individuals who are connected to each other." (Romans 12:5, GW)

HOW CONNECTION CURES MY LONELINESS

1. I need people who will WALK with me.

"And the Lord God said, "It isn't good for man to be alone..."" (Genesis 2:18, The Living Bible)

Community is God's answer to DEPRESSION.

"All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer...They worshiped together regularly ...met in small groups in homes for Communion, and shared their meals with great joy and thankfulness." (Acts 2:46, NLT/The Living Bible)

Every believer needs a FAMILY and a FELLOWSHIP.

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him," (Colossians 2:6, ESV)

Why I Need People to Walk with Me...

- It's SAFER.

"...Walk in the light while you can, so the darkness will not overtake you. Those who walk in the darkness cannot see where they are going." (John 12:35, NLT)

- It's SMARTER.

"Those who trust their own insight are foolish, but anyone who walks in wisdom is safe." (Proverbs 28:26, NLT)

- It's SUSTAINABLE.

"What fellowship we had, what wonderful discussions as we walked together to the [House of the Lord]." (Psalm 55:14, The Living Bible)

- It's **SUPPORTIVE**.

"...When you gather...each one of you be prepared with something that will be useful for all...Take your turn, no one person taking over. Then each speaker gets a chance to say something special from God, and you all learn from each other." (1 Corinthians 14:26,30–31, The Message)

2. I need people who will **WORK** with me.

*"...**God made us to do good works**, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing." (Ephesians 2:10, NCV)*

Every believer needs a **MINISTRY** in the church,
and a **MISSION** in the world.

*"For we are partners **working together** for God..." (1 Corinthians 3:9, GNB)*

Community is God's answer to **DISCOURAGEMENT**.

*"Let us consider how we can stir up one another to love. Let us **help one another to do good works**." (Hebrews 10:24, NIV)*

3. I need people who will **WATCH OUT** for me.

*"**Look out for one another's** interests, not just for your own." (Philippians 2:4, GNB)*

*"Keep being **concerned about each other** as the Lord's followers should." (Hebrews 13:1, CEV)*

Community is God's answer to **DEFEAT**.

"Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble." (Ecclesiastes 4:9–10, NLT)

4. I need people who will **WEEP** with me.

*"...You should be like one big happy family, full of **sympathy** toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds." (1 Peter 3:8, The Living Bible)*

Community is God's answer to **DESPAIR**.

"If one member suffers, all suffer together..." (1 Corinthians 12:26, ESV)

*"**Be happy with** those who are happy, and weep with those who weep." (Romans 12:15, NLT)*

ACTION STEPS:

1st Base Next *Sunday* & *Wednesday*.

Small Group Connect Event Next Sunday!