



SEPTEMBER 2025

Our vision for this year is Practicing His Ways.

Jesus grew up, lived, learnt and grew in community.

As you watch or listen to the two sessions on community and go through the 10-day devotional, we pray you gain a renewed perspective and deeper appreciation for what it means to walk in community.

DAY 1

THE BLESSING OF BELONGING

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Read: Genesis 1:26-27

REFLECT & RESPOND

Session One emphasized that Biblical community started in God's heart.

Consider:

- How has technology become your closest companion?
- Are your relationships superficial or deep?
- Where do you experience true belonging?
- How can you move beyond surface-level connections?

TRUTH FOR TODAY

We were never meant to live independent lives, but rather interdependent lives with one another.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Today, I will:

- Evaluate my use of technology in relationships
- Take steps toward deeper connections
- Find ways to belong to something bigger than myself
- Create space for authentic relationships

PRAYER FOCUS

- For authentic connections beyond technology
- For courage to move past superficial relationships
- For opportunities to experience true belonging
- For wisdom in building meaningful community

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DAY 2

THE BLESSING OF PARTICIPATION

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Read: 1 Peter 4:10

REFLECT & RESPOND

Session One emphasized that God doesn't want us to just belong, but to participate.

Consider:

- Are you merely a member "on paper"?
- How are you currently involved in your Biblical community?
- What moves you from consumer to contributor?
- How can you participate more meaningfully?

TRUTH FOR TODAY

Participation moves us from merely being consumers to being contributors.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Today, I will:

- Move beyond passive membership
- Find one way to actively participate
- Look for opportunities to contribute
- Get involved beyond just attending

PRAYER FOCUS

- For courage to move beyond passive membership
- For wisdom in how to participate
- For opportunities to contribute
- For joy in active involvement

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DAY 3

THE BLESSING OF GROWING TOGETHER

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Read: Ephesians 4:15-16

REFLECT & RESPOND

Session One highlighted that growth is a natural outcome of healthy community.

Consider:

- How does your community encourage spiritual growth?
- Who are you learning from, and who are you teaching?
- What areas of your life need growth?
- How can you contribute to the growth of others?

TRUTH FOR TODAY

Anything that is healthy will grow. God has established Biblical communities as a place and a means for us to grow together.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Today, I will:

- Identify one area where I need to grow
- Seek guidance from a mentor or peer
- Share my growth journey with someone
- Encourage someone else in their growth journey

PRAYER FOCUS

- For personal spiritual growth
- For opportunities to learn and teach
- For a community that fosters growth
- For grace and patience in the growth process

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DAY 4

THE BLESSING OF GENEROSITY

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Read: Hebrews 13:16

REFLECT & RESPOND

Session One taught that generosity should naturally flow in Biblical community.

Consider:

- How generous am I with my time?
- How do I share my talents?
- How do I use my resources for others?
- Where can I be more generous?

TRUTH FOR TODAY

In a family, you don't always get what you want when you want it, but generosity still flows.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Today, I will:

- Share my time with someone in need
- Use my abilities to help others
- Look for opportunities to be generous
- Support my church family

PRAYER FOCUS

- For a generous heart
- For wisdom in sharing
- For opportunities to give
- For joy in generosity

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DAY 5

THE BLESSING OF CORRECTION

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Read: Hebrews 12:5-6

REFLECT & RESPOND

Session One taught that correction within healthy Biblical community is a blessing.

Consider:

- How do I respond to loving correction?
- Do I have people who can lovingly correct me?
- How can correction help me grow?

TRUTH FOR TODAY

Correction isn't there to heap condemnation and shame on us. The goal is just to get us back on track.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Today, I will:

- ☐ Be open to loving correction
- ☐ Respond to feedback with humility
- ☐ Thank those who care enough to correct me
- ☐ Support others with grace

PRAYER FOCUS

- For humility to receive correction
- For wisdom in responding to feedback
- For grace in difficult moments
- For growth through correction

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DAY 6

THE SELF FACTOR

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Read: Luke 6:38

REFLECT & RESPOND

Session Two taught that “self ”can either build up or bring discomfort to community.

Consider:

- Do I primarily focus on "me, myself, and I"?
- How does the equation "me + you = we" challenge me?
- In what ways am I sharing sacrificially with others?
- How can I model God's unselfish nature?

TRUTH FOR TODAY

The world says: “Get all you can, put it in a can, sit on the can and keep it as long as you can.” But God's kingdom works totally different.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Today, I will:

- ☐ Consider others before myself
- ☐ Share my resources with my community
- ☐ Practice sacrificial giving
- ☐ Look for ways to benefit others

PRAYER FOCUS

- For a giving heart like God's
- For freedom from self-absorption
- For joy in sharing with others
- For growth in considering others

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DAY 7

COMFORT ZONE CHALLENGES

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Read: Galatians 6:9

REFLECT & RESPOND

Session Two used the Good Samaritan example to show how community pulls us from comfort zones.

Consider:

- Am I willing to be inconvenienced for others?
- How do I respond when community is uncomfortable?
- Am I growing through involvement or staying in isolation?
- Where might God be asking me to stop and help?

TRUTH FOR TODAY

God grows us primarily through involvement, not isolation.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Today, I will:

- ☐ Be available even when inconvenient
- ☐ Stop to help someone in need
- ☐ Choose involvement over isolation
- ☐ Respond to community needs

PRAYER FOCUS

- For willingness to be inconvenienced
- For strength to help others
- For growth through involvement
- For consistency in helping others

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DAY 8

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:12

REFLECT & RESPOND

Session Two emphasized that Biblical community includes people across all backgrounds.

Consider:

- Do I only connect with people like me?
- How can I learn from different personalities?
- Am I willing to connect across cultural, age or economic lines?
- What can I learn from others' stories?

TRUTH FOR TODAY

Not everybody in your Biblical community needs to be your best friend ... but we are connected.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Today, I will:

- ☐ Connect with someone different from me
- ☐ Listen to others' stories and experiences
- ☐ Look beyond cultural, age or economic differences
- ☐ Value the diversity in my community

PRAYER FOCUS

- For openness to all believers
- For unity in diversity
- For learning from others
- For genuine connections

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DAY 9

LONG-TERM COMMITMENT

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Read: 1 John 2:13-14

REFLECT & RESPOND

Session Two emphasized that building healthy Biblical community takes time.

Consider:

- Am I willing to commit long-term to community?
- How do I handle the process of growth and discipleship?
- How am I journeying with others through valleys and peaks?

TRUTH FOR TODAY

To grow from being a child into a young adult, into fatherhood or motherhood, takes time. There's a process involved.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Today, I will:

- Stay committed through valleys and peaks
- Value the process of growth
- Support others in their journey

PRAYER FOCUS

- For patience in the process
- For faithfulness in commitment
- For endurance through difficulties
- For joy in the journey

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DAY 10

OVERCOMING FEAR

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Read: John 13:34-35

REFLECT & RESPOND

Session Two addressed common fears in Biblical community.

Consider:

- What fears hold me back?(acceptance, trust, past, finances)
- How can I move beyond insecurity?
- Am I willing to immerse myself in community despite my fears?
- How can I demonstrate God's love to others?

TRUTH FOR TODAY

We cannot allow our lives to be governed by fear concerning Biblical community. The only way of overcoming our “fears” and insecurities is by jumping into Biblical community.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Today, I will:

- ☐ Trust God through uncertainty
- ☐ Demonstrate love to others
- ☐ Participate fully despite fears

PRAYER FOCUS

- For courage to overcome fears
- For trust in God's design
- For demonstration of His love
- For growth in community

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