

THE NEW ABNORMAL

Small Group Questions “Community over Isolation” | 1 Samuel 18:1-5; 20:1-4 Week 4: February 6, 2022

1. Share about a time when you struggled with isolation over the last two years.
 - a. How did our family of Faith help? Or if it didn't, how could it better do so moving forward?
2. “Community” can be a bit of a Christian buzz word.
 - a. When you think about biblical community, what makes it great and worth it?
 - b. What aspects are difficult? How do we overcome those?
3. Read Proverbs 18:24. Someone share about the person who embodies this verse for you. Who is a friend God has blessed you with who's closer than a brother?
4. Why do you think the deep friendship language in 1 Samuel 18:1-5 makes us uncomfortable at times?
 - a. What would be a practical first step look like for you to move toward building a friendship like this?
5. Which of the 4 myths of community do you see the most evidence of in your life?
 - a. Community happens organically, or accidentally.
 - b. Community isn't necessary.
 - c. I'm too busy for community.
 - d. Community doesn't require real commitment/
6. Read Acts 2:42-47. Take turns sharing out loud all the effects that are produced from a community of friends devoted to the Word of God (“the apostles’ teaching”).
 - a. What would *our* family of faith need to do to become more like this early church?
 - b. What might God be calling YOU to do/change to help us become a more biblical family of faith?

*****As you close in prayer this week, pray *by name* for specific people in your life who do not know Jesus. Pray that *they* would be open to the Gospel and pray that *you* would seek out chances to be fishers of men in their life and start a spiritual conversation this week.*****