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FRIENDING, PART 3: ONE COMMUNITY AWAY

At oneChurch.tv, we believe that you are just one community away from changing the course of your life. Why? Because being in community allows you to grow further and grow faster than if you did life alone.

BIG IDEA: You might be one community away from changing the course of your destiny.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the busyness of life, technology, and social media currently impact the quality of your relationships?
2. One of our sayings at oneChurch is that “People who do life in community groups grow further faster.” Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?
3. Why do you think so many people resist getting into a community group?
4. What do you think is the major cause of relational poverty in your life?
5. Of the three qualities of community, which do you need in your life and why?
6. In what way do you need help from your group to fight the lions that you’re facing?
7. *With your Bible or Bible App, read Acts 2:42-47.*

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

8. What does devotion, fellowship, sharing, and gathering look like in the context of your friendships?
9. Carlo said that there are 3 Practices of GREAT Communities: 1) Do LUNCH 2) Do LIFE 3) Do LOVE.
10. How have you used LUNCH - meal times to break barriers, build relationships, and fill your belly? How much of your social life (dating, friendships, hanging out) happens over a meal table?
11. Carlo said that doing LIFE is all about being transparent, consistent, and available. Community only works if you drop the masks and the façade and really open up. What makes it difficult for people to quit posing, drop their image management and be real? What makes it difficult for you?
12. Think about your current circle of close relationships not counting your family: In what ways do you “Do life” together?
13. Lastly, Carlo said that we need to do LOVE. Love helps us listen, forgive, and support each other in good times and in bad times. Do you find it difficult to forgive? Why?
14. What practical steps can you take this week to do “lunch”, life, and love with your biblical community?
15. Who do you know that could really use the love of Jesus right now? What can you do to share that love this week?

THINK ABOUT IT

Life was never meant to be lived alone. God exists in the context of community (the Trinity), and God created us to live in community with Him and with one another.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

If you are not “all in” in biblical community, what steps can you take this week to strengthen your real friendships?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

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