

Christianity 101

(Community)

Part 2

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Acts 2:42 ⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.

⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. ⁴⁵ They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number ⁴⁷ those who were being saved.

-What is community?

"Christian community is simply sharing a common life in Christ." JM

Community occurs when a follower of Jesus intentionally, honestly and consistently connects to other followers of Jesus so they can become better followers of Jesus." MM

-Why do we need community?

- 1. Because we were made for relationships**
- 2. Because life is hard.**

John 16:33 I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world."

“Satan watcheth for those vessels that sail without a convoy.”

A Puritan Golden Treasury

3. Because scripture is clear on why we need community.

****We need life cheerleaders**

Hebrews 10: And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.

****We need life instruction/direction**

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs,^[a] singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

****We need accountability**



Galatians 6:1 Brothers and sisters, if someone is overtaken in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual, restore such a person with a gentle spirit,^[a] watching out for yourselves so that you also won't be tempted. ² Carry one another's burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

4. Because we can never be our best for Christ until we embrace community

1 Corinthians 12:12 For just as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body—so also is Christ.

-How do we create community in our lives?

Show up

Volunteer

Explore

-Why many will reject the idea of community.

- 1. We really don't believe or understand the importance of Biblical direction**
- 2. We might not trust others**
- 3. We might have a pride issue**
- 4. We might have been hurt**
- 5. We might be busy problem**
- 6. We might have a selfishness issue**
- 7. We might have a Jesus problem**

I John 3:14 We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers and sisters. The one who does not love remains in death.

Close:

The physical presence of other Christians is a source of incomparable joy and strength to the believer.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

