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NOTES INTRODUCTION God created community to be a power source for people. When our marriages are rooted in Christ and His design for marriage, we experience power. Families built on a strong biblical foundation are a powerful force. Friendships bring power when we connect with others on a deep level. Faith groups increase our spiritual power as we sharpen each other like iron sharpens iron. And when the local church gathers together to connect with God and worship together, we are empowered to live the lives God is calling us to live. There is power in community, which is why I want to talk today about why it's so important that you find community. We're going to understand this better by discussing how community makes a difference in our lives. **KEY POINTS** 1. Community makes a difference when we make time and space for one another. Devotion is a decision. And ultimately, we're going to have to decide if we're going to be devoted to Jesus as disciples of Jesus or not. If you're devoted to Jesus, you'll be devoted to His Church. That's a consistent theme all throughout the New Testament. You don't see disciples of Jesus that were disconnected from the church. Disciples of Jesus have always been in fellowship with other believers. Therefore if we want to be disciples of Jesus, we need to make time and space for community the way Jesus commands us to. 2. Community makes a difference when we care for one another. When today's key passage talks about the church being together, it's not just talking about their shared location. It's also talking about their hearts being knitted together as a family. For these new believers, the church was their family, and as a family, they were instructed to take care of one another. That same thing applies to us today. God has called us to care for one another in this community called The Church.

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3. Community makes a difference when we live in unity with one another. God calls us to be together, to be united, just like the early church. You can see in today's key verses that they held all things in common. Does that mean every believer in the early church agreed on everything? Of course not. They didn't agree on everything, but they did agree on the main thing. In the same way, God calls every Christian community to unity, not uniformity. We may not agree on everything, but God expects us to agree on the main thing.	NOTES
4. Community makes a difference when we extend generosity toward one another. Christian generosity isn't just sharing what we have. It's following the example of Christ himself. Jesus said in Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." When we give sacrificially and faithfully, we reflect the character of God. When we give generously, we give to others like Christ gave to us.	

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1.	What does your community look like right now? Does anything need to
	change about your community?

2.	What is one way you can care for	or someone or s	how generosi	ity toward
	someone in your community th	is week?		

3.	When was a time God used your community to minister to you? What did you learn from that situation?

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