

# DIVE DEEPER

## DIVE DEEPER DEEPER IN COMMUNITY

Tim Keller "You cannot know God apart from community"

*Romans 1:12 NLT When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours.*

*Acts 2:42-47 NIV They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 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, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

Christian community means focusing **inward**.

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*Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Christian community means focusing **upward**.

*v. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching.....*

*1 Peter 2:2-3 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.*

Christian community means focusing **outward**.

v. 47 .....and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Ecclessia means **"called out ones"**

*Matthew 28:19-20 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

### **Additional Study on Community**

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| Monday    | I Peter 2:12 and Matthew 18:20      |
| Tuesday   | I Timothy 3:14-15 and I John 1:7    |
| Wednesday | Romans 12:4-5 and Romans 15:5       |
| Thursday  | Psalms 133:1 and I Corinthians 1:10 |
| Friday    | Acts 4:32 and I Corinthians 12:13   |

