

Day 2 - Community

"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." — Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

We live in a world that praises independence. So we've been led to believe that we always have to figure it out. "I don't need anyone." "I've got this."

From the beginning, God said it wasn't good for man to be alone. Jesus Himself was surrounded with a tight circle of friends. The early church did everything together — they prayed, ate, gave, worshiped, and grew.

SO WHY IS COMMUNITY THE FIRST THING WE CUT WHEN LIFE GETS FULL?

Sometimes it's easier to isolate than to invest. It's cleaner, quieter, and less risky. But real community is where real growth happens. Real community is where you are known, challenged, encouraged, and loved — even when life gets messy.

Making room for community isn't just a nice idea — it's essential to your spiritual health. If you want to get closer to God, a great place to start is by getting closer to godly people.

HOW TO MAKE ROOM FOR GODLY COMMUNITY THIS WEEK:

- JOIN A SMALL GROUP It's not just about a Bible study.
 It's about people who walk with you through real life.
- BE THE FRIEND YOU NEED Don't wait for someone to invite you in. Take the first step. Be present, real, and show up.
- STAY-EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD Community isn't perfect. People will disappoint you, but gracefilled relationships are worth it.
- SHARE YOUR STORY Vulnerability builds bridges. When you open up, others will too and healing begins.

In your life, you don't need more followers — you need faithful friends who point you to Jesus.

