

Community

Created For...

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Key Scripture: Genesis 1:26-27

DISCUSSION GUIDE

This week we begin a two-week series on community. Have you ever wondered exactly how you were designed? Have you ever wondered what makes you really effective? Further, have you ever wondered what makes the church effective in accomplishing its mission? And what might be missing in your life and in the life of the church in regards to our design and mission? In Genesis 1—from the very beginning—we see that the triune God is a God of community. And we are made in His image. And that means that at our core we are created for community.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think back to Sunday's message. What do you remember? Review your notes if you have them. If you're with a CV group, talk with them about anything you found memorable or confusing.
2. Read Genesis 1:26-27. What do we learn about God? What do we learn about how we are created and designed?
3. What are the implications of our relationships if we've been created in the image of a triune God?
4. Read the following scriptures and share how each points to our need for community. (Hebrews 3:12-13; Galatians 6:1-2; Hebrews 10:24-25; Acts 2:42-47; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; Proverbs 17:17, James 5:16; 1 Corinthians 1:10; 1 Peter 4:8-11)
5. In their book, *Gospel-Centered Community*, Will Walker and Bob Thune make the case that, "Every one of us is a saint in isolation! That's why community is essential—not optional—for transformation. We can't become the people God wants us to become outside of community." What changes might need to take place in your life, schedule, and commitments to make gospel community a greater priority?
6. Are there any personal barriers that keep you from deeper gospel relationships? How can you address these barriers with other believers?
7. What excites you about deep, abiding gospel community where you can know and be known? What scares you about this?
8. In what ways has experiencing meaningful community with other believers changed your life?
9. What's one thing you learned from Sunday's message and today's discussion that will help you become a better disciple of Christ, and help others do the same?

NOW WHAT?

Be sure to be here next week.

