

Building Community One Group  
at a Time - Part 1  
Why do we need Community?

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1. Because God created us with a need for it.

**Genesis 1:3-5 (NIV)**

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning--the first day.

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**Genesis 1:27,31 (NIV)**

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning--the sixth day.

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 Why do we need Community?

1. Because God created us with a need for it.

**Genesis 2:18 (NIV)**  
 18 The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone..."

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***"Americans are among the loneliest people in the world."***

- George Gallup

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***"God created us with a hunger for relationship with Him and our fellow people. At our very core we are relational beings. The soul cannot prosper without being connected to others."***

- Dr. Henry Cloud

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2. Because the temptations, tests, and trials we face require it.

**John 17:11 (NIV)**

11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name--the name you gave me--so that they may be one as we are one.

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**Ephesians 4:15-16 (NIV)**

15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

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3. Because the watching world is searching for it.

**John 17:20-23 (NIV)**

20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

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**John 17:20-23 (NIV)**

22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: 23 I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

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***“Christian community is the final apologetic.”***

- Francis Schaeffer

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3. Because the watching world is searching for it.

**John 13:35 (NIV)**

35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

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