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"Why Do we Need Community?"
1. Because God created us with a need for it.
2. Because the temptations, test, and trials we face require it.
3. Because the watching world is searching for it.

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Matthew 16:15-17 (NIV)
¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.

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Matthew 16:18-19(NIV)

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"Ekklesia"-The Community of called out ones.

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1. The Lord Jesus is responsible to build Christian Community

1 Peter 2:9-10(NIV)

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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Ephesians 1:22-23(NLT)

²² And God has put all things under the authority of Christ, and he gave him this authority for the benefit of the church. ²³ And the church is his body; it is filled by Christ, who fills everything everywhere with his presence.

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2. Christian leaders are responsible to build Christian Community

Ephesians 2:20-21(NLT)

²⁰ We are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. ²¹ We who believe are carefully joined together, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.

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2. Christian leaders are responsible to build Christian Community

Ephesians 4:11-12(NIV)

¹¹ It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

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Hebrews 6:12 (NIV)

¹² We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

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3. Every Christian is responsible to build Christian Community

1 Corinthians 3:10-11(NIV)

¹⁰ By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

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