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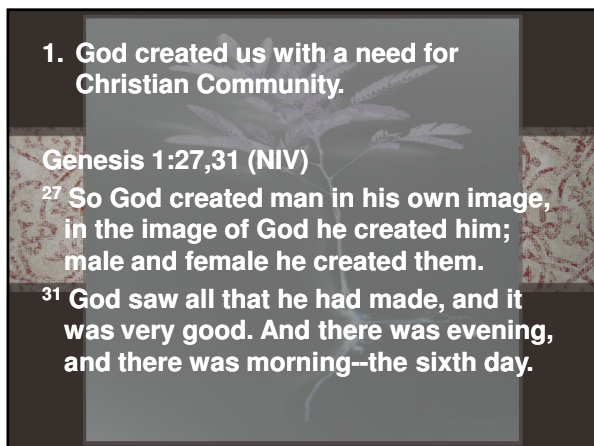
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**1. God created us with a need for Christian Community.**

**Genesis 2:18 (NIV)**

**<sup>18</sup> The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. . ."**

**"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. Christian community will help us deal with the temptations, tests, and trials we all face.**

**John 17:11 (NIV)**

**<sup>11</sup> 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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**2. Christian community will help us deal with the temptations, tests, and trials we all face.**

**Galatians 6:1-3 (NLT)**

**<sup>2</sup> Share each other's troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> If you think you are too important to help someone in need, you are only fooling yourself...**

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**2. Christian community will help us deal with the temptations, tests, and trials we all face.**

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NLT)**

**<sup>9</sup> Two people can accomplish more than twice as much as one; they get a better return for their labor. <sup>10</sup> If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble.**

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**3. Christian Community is the most powerful witness to the watching world.**

**John 17:20-21 (NIV)**

**<sup>20</sup> "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup> 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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**3. Christian Community is the most powerful witness to the watching world.**

**John 17:22-23 (NIV)**

**<sup>22</sup> I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: <sup>23</sup> 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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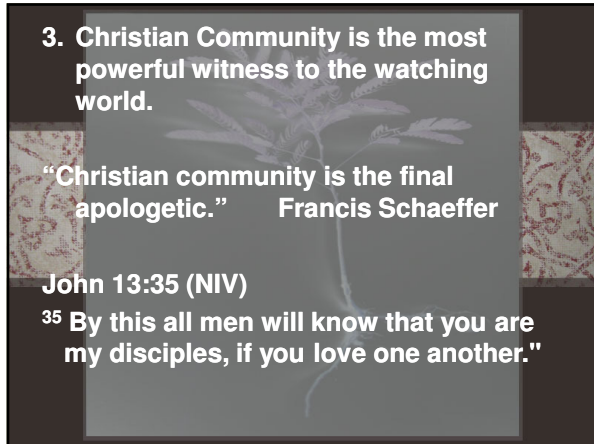
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**3. Christian Community is the most powerful witness to the watching world.**

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

**John 13:35 (NIV)**  
**<sup>35</sup> By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”**

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**3. Christian Community is the most powerful witness to the watching world.**

**“Americans are among the loneliest people in the world.” George Gallup**

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