

CORE VALUE: COMMUNITY BUILDING

We believe that faith grows best in community! We will go out of our way to live in community through GC Groups, serving on teams, and whatever else we can do to do life together because nothing grows our faith and is more fun than serving Jesus with people you love.

**FAITH GROWS BETTER IN COMMUNITY!
(ACTS 2:43-47)**

Faith Community is God’s Design (Heb 10:24-25)!

- **Adam & Eve** – God didn’t leave Adam alone. (*Genesis 2:18*)
- **Abraham’s Blessing** – "Father of many nations," not just one person. (*Genesis 12:2-3*)
- **Moses & Jethro’s Advice** – Leadership requires shared burdens. (*Exodus 18:17-21*)
- **Ruth & Naomi** – Community provides strength in hardship and deep commitment. (*Ruth 1:16-17*)
- **David & Jonathan** – Community strengthens and protects. (*1 Samuel 18:1-3, 23:16*)
- **Esther & Mordecai** – Community fights for each other, advocating for justice and standing in the gap. (*Esther 4:14*)
- **The Early Church** – Saved people always find each other and invite others in. (*Acts 2:42-47 + ALL OF ACTS! And NT!*)

*“God never saves people into isolation
—He saves them into community.”*

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THE PROBLEM: MANY DO CHURCH, BUT DON’T GET COMMUNITY (Acts 2:44 & 1 Cor 12:12, 21)

- Cultural disadvantage compared to 1st century church
- Thriving Church Amenity Syndrome
- Unrealistic Expectations
- Withdraw when we should press in

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THE SOLUTION: BE THE FRIEND YOU’RE LOOKING FOR (Acts 2:46 & Romans 12:10)

“We call this having an “I gotchu” mindset.”

Helpful Insights on “friending”

- Prioritize you and Jesus, then.....
 - Share your Jesus stories with them
 - Pray with them.
 - Evangelize with them
 - Serve with them
 - Cry with them.
 - Celebrate with them.
 - Invite them.
 - _____ with them....and figure it out from there with God!
- Another common issue: juvenile expectations on adult friendships.

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**MY ONE THING FROM GOD & FOR ME
IN THIS MESSAGE:**

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