# **Part 1: The Need For Community & Common Ground**

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Life In Community

**1. The Need for Community**

• Despite being more connected to people than ever before, people feel more alone than ever before

**a. THE CHURCH HAS A BETTER ANSWER**

• God has made us a community with a deeper foundation than anything the world has to offer.

[*John 13:35*](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleESV.Jn13.35)

**B. MISSION THROUGH COMMUNITY**

•  Gospel community displays the light and hope of the Gospel to a dark world

**2.  Common Ground**

• The gospel allows people with nothing in common to find common ground in their need for a Savior

**a. THE END GOAL**

[Romans 12:1](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleESV.Ro12.1)

• Christians are built together in a unique relationship

**b. THE FAILED PURSUIT**

• Nothing in this world will satisfy our hearts longing

**c. A BETTER WAY**

• Gospel community keeps us focused on our relationship with Christ

**d.  MERCY  REDIRECTS OUR PATH**

• As a community we offer God our sacrifice, worship, and glory because of His mercy

**e. THE RESULT OF MERCY**

• God’s mercy makes it possible for deeper community

**Discussion Questions**

1. What do you normally substitute for community?

2. What personal barriers have you created to community?

3. What unhealthy ways have you processed loneliness in your past?

4. What key verses or phrases from this passage speak to living in community?

5. What verse did God want you to see/hear/apply?

6. What verse would be a great gift for someone close to you?

7. What benefits of community would help you most now?

8. What adjustments would you need to make to give space for community?

9. What steps will you take in the next thirty days to make those adjustments?