

Outline

How we grow best

Why belong to a small group

Reason #1 I find people to _____ with me.

The writer of Hebrews says...“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us.”
Hebrews 12:1 (NLT)

Word picture:_____.

“When you run alone, you run fast, but when you run together, you run far.” ~Old Zambian Proverb

“There is a way that seems right to each person, but it ends in death.” Proverbs 14:12

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Romans 12:4-5

Community is God’s answer to _____.

“It is not good for man to be alone!” Genesis 2:18.

Reason #2. I find people to _____ with me.

Boomer Generation: The first generation to not have _____ in the home.

“God made us to do good works, which He planned in advance for us to live our lives doing.”
Ephesians 2:10 (NCV)

Word picture: A _____.

“Two people are better than one, because they get more done by working together.”
Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NCV)

Community is God’s answer for _____ and _____.

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Reason #3. I find people who will _____ out for me.

Sheep

“If one person falls, another can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble.” Ecclesiastes 4:10 (NLT)

Community is God’s remedy for _____ and _____.

Word picture: “Having a person’s six.”

Reason #4. I find people who will _____ and _____ with me.

“If one member suffers, all suffer together.” 1 Corinthians 12:26 (ESV)

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“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.” Romans 12:15 (TEV)

“Encourage each other and strengthen one another.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Word picture: The _____.

Community is God’s answer to _____ and _____.

Reason #5 I need people who will keep my faith burning _____ rather than _____.

“The Christian that is alone is like a coal that burns alone. It will burn colder rather than hotter.” ~St. John of the Cross.

Word picture: A _____.

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“Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” John 13:35 (NLT)

Community is God’s answer to _____.

WRAP UP: Why belong to a small group? Why get myself back to in-person worship? Why be active
In a local church?

In case you missed any of these: Community is God’s answer to loneliness, fatigue, frustration, defeat, danger, despair, depression, and lukewarmness.

We need people who will walk with us, work with us, watch out for us, wait and weep with us, and who will keep my faith burning hotter rather than cooler.