

Better: Life Is Better In Community

(Acts 2:42-47)

Introduction

What is the closest group you have ever been a part of?

- ♦ A church group
- ♦ A group of co-workers
- ♦ A sports team or recreational group
- ♦ Extended family
- ♦ A group of card-playing friends
- ♦ A band
- ♦ Other

What most helps you to feel close to people in a group?

- ♦ Being able to “be myself”
- ♦ Being able to laugh with people
- ♦ Trust – knowing confidences will be kept
- ♦ Seeing things in a similar way
- ♦ Having people in it who express their feeling
openly
- ♦ Working on projects together
- ♦ Other

Central Truth: Because God created us for relationships, life is better when we live in Biblical community.

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Conclusion