

Better Together In Community

It is not good for the man to be alone... (Gen. 2:18)

God's design is for us to be interdependent in community...

From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (Eph. 4:16)

Through community God brings...

- **Encouragement to protect us** – “See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.” (Heb. 3:12-13)

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up... (1 Thes. 5:11)

- **Support to carry us** – “Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” (Gal. 6:2)
- **Teaching to direct us** – “I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another.” (Rom. 15:14)
- **Accountability to sharpen us** – “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” (Prov. 27:17)

And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. (1 Thes. 5:14)

You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. (Acts 20:20)

A key to a successful Small Group – grace with each other...

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. (Eph. 4:2)

The goal of a successful Small Group – fellowship with God...

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. (1 John 1:3)