

BETTER TOGETHER
“We Need Each Other”
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Genesis 1:26-27; Selected Text (ESV)

UNDERSTANDING GOD’S DESIGN

1. God exists in community (Genesis 1:26).

- At the center of God is relationship: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

2. God created people for community (Genesis 1:27).

- It was in community that God created us and it is in community that we reflect His image.
- God designed us in such a way that our truest happiness, satisfaction, and wholeness of life can only happen in the context of deep, interdependent relationships. We need each other.

**COMMUNITY AND INTERDEPENDENCE IN THE METAPHORS FOR
BEING A PART OF A CHURCH**

1. It’s like being a brick in a building (Ephesians 2:19-22).

- In a building, the connected parts support each other.
- Ask: How can I give and receive support?

2. It’s like being a part of a body (Romans 12:4-5; Colossians 2:19).

- In a body, the connected parts grow together.
- Ask: How can I grow and help others to grow?

3. It’s like being a sheep in a flock (Psalm 100:3; 1 Peter 5:2).

- In a flock, the sheep are protected and cared for.
- Ask: How can I give and receive protection and care?

4. It’s like being a member of a family (1 Timothy 3:15; Romans 12:10).

- In a family, the members love each other.
- Ask: How can I give and receive love?

OUR RESPONSE

We have to invest in relationships.

We miss out on the blessings of God when we avoid the personal contact that commitment to a “home” church family brings.

CENTRAL TRUTH

By God’s design, the Christian life is to be lived in deep, interdependent relationships.