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GROUPS

TALK IT OVER

THE WAY | SESSION 4: WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

For the eight weeks of The Way group study, the weekly Talk It Over Guide will reflect the content from the group study.

CHECKING IN

- Who has had the greatest influence on your spiritual journey? What made their impact so significant?
- When have you experienced the encouragement or support of a healthy community?

MEMORY VERSE

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

ACTS 2:42 NIV

The Christian faith is personal, but it was never meant to be **private**. From the beginning, God designed us for **relationships**. One of the greatest myths in modern Christianity is the idea that a person can faithfully follow Jesus **alone**.

1. COMMUNITY HELPS US GROW SPIRITUALLY

Proverbs 27:17 · As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens **another**. Growth often happens through encouragement, accountability, and **relationships**. God frequently uses people to shape us into the image of Christ.

2. COMMUNITY HELPS US THROUGH DIFFICULT SEASONS

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Galatians 6:2 · Two are better than **one**. When one person falls, another can help them **up**. We were never meant to carry life's burdens **alone**. God often provides strength through the support of others.

3. COMMUNITY HELPS US DISCOVER OUR PURPOSE

1 Peter 4:10 · Every believer has received a **gift**. God's gifts are intended to be used to **serve** others. Purpose is often discovered while serving within community.

4. COMMUNITY HELPS US EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE

1 Peter 4:8 · Love deeply because love covers many **sins**. Healthy community creates an environment of grace, forgiveness, and **acceptance**. God often demonstrates His love through His people.

5. COMMUNITY PROVIDES ACCOUNTABILITY

Hebrews 10:24-25 · We are called to encourage one another toward love and good **deeds**. Isolation weakens spiritual growth. Encouragement and accountability help us remain **faithful**. Community helps us continue following Jesus faithfully.

BOTTOM LINE

WE GROW BETTER TOGETHER. WE SERVE BETTER TOGETHER. WE SHARE OUR FAITH BETTER TOGETHER.

God's plan has always involved people helping people follow Jesus. Community is not an optional part of discipleship. It is one of God's primary tools for transformation.

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think so many people try to follow Jesus independently?
2. How has another believer helped you grow spiritually?
3. Why is community especially important during difficult seasons?
4. What gifts or abilities has God given you that can strengthen others?
5. How have you experienced God's love through relationships with other believers?
6. Why can accountability be difficult, and why is it valuable?
7. What step can you take to deepen your connection to biblical community?

PRAYER DIRECTION

Spend time praying in groups of two or three. Pray specifically:

- Thank God for the people who have influenced your faith.
- Ask God to deepen the relationships within your group.
- Pray for encouragement and support during difficult seasons.
- Ask God to help each person discover and use their gifts.
- Pray that your community would reflect the love of Christ.

For those uncomfortable praying aloud, simply share one prayer request and allow someone else to pray.

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Reach out to three people this week.

- Encourage one.
- Pray with one.
- Serve one.

Look for practical ways to strengthen the community God has placed around you. Remember: We are better together.

DIVING DEEPER

As you read this week's daily devotions ...

- Notice God's design for community.
- Reflect on relationships that have shaped your faith.
- Ask God to reveal opportunities to encourage others.
- Continue memorizing Acts 2:42 throughout the week.

Daily devotions for this week: newpointe.org/daily.