

HABITS OF A HEALTHY DISCIPLE

SESSION 3: BIBLICAL COMMUNITY PT.1 - GATHER & GROW

I. THE NEED FOR COMMUNITY

A. We were _____ for community.

- Genesis 1:26, 2:18

B. We are saved into the _____ of God.

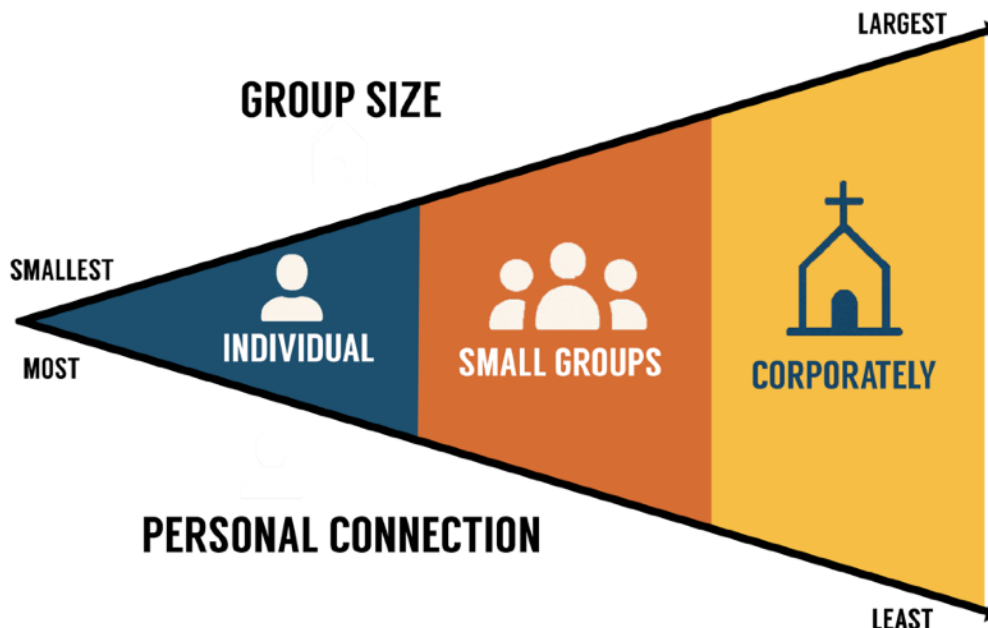
- 1 Peter 2:9-10

• **READ & DISCUSS:** Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

- The passage emphasizes the strength and support that comes from companionship. In what ways have you experienced this truth in your own life—whether in friendship, marriage, family, or the church?
- The “cord of three strands” suggests that relationships are strongest when God is at the center. How does inviting God into our relationships change the way we walk with and support one another? Though all three strands are necessary, why is that the most important?

C. We need to _____ with our family members regularly.

II. WAYS WE GATHER



DISCUSS AT YOUR TABLES

- How have you personally benefited from the ways we gather (corporately, in small groups, and individually)? What are some challenges you might find in each?
- Which of these three ways of gathering do you feel you need to lean into more right now, and why?

III. DISTINCTIVES OF COMMUNITY

A. Purpose: To stir _____ to _____ and _____.

- Hebrews 10:23-25

B. We will find our _____ in the gospel.

C. Sometimes community is _____.

- Matthew 18:15-17

D. The church is marked by _____.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

ACTION STEP

Think through the ways we gather, commit to engaging in areas that are lacking (Joining a Life Group, seeking out a close friend/mentor to help you).

HELPFUL RESOURCES

The Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan.

- Recommended adaptation: *The Pilgrim's Progress: Dangers, Toils, and Snares* by Zachary Bartles & John Bunyan
- Enhanced Audio Version: <https://pilgrimsprogress.podbean.com>