

WELLSPRING

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Together in Community 06/04/2023 Reflection Questions

1. If being united in community:

- a) Can encourage the power and presence of God to be poured out (Acts 1-2)
- b) Can allow the world to see who Jesus is (John 17) and
- c) Can bring God's commanded blessing to us (Psalm 133)

why don't we prioritize community more and why would we ever allow ourselves to become isolated?

2. What do you think of what Tim Keller wrote: "No two people on Earth are compatible. It is simply an issue of varying degrees of incompatibility"?
3. Which relationships have you had as an adult/teen that have helped determine your godly destiny? Conversely, have you ever had to disconnect from someone when the relationship was not moving in the godly direction?
4. Have you ever considered what you might miss out on by **not** being in community with other believers?
5. Here are four reminders to encourage us to live in connection and community even when we have problems with others:
- 1. Make space for people's "stuff" (Colossians 3:13a)
 - 2. Don't pick up offenses (Colossians 3:13b)
 - 3. Be willing to be sharpened by others (Proverbs 27:17)
 - 4. Make a commitment to community

Were any of these points particularly relevant?

6. Have you ever found yourself carrying an offense for a while?
7. Did you find the statistic surprising that "90% of all people who fail in their life's vocation fail because they cannot get along with people"?
8. When people "rub you the wrong way" do you tend to avoid them?? What if they are actually causing grace to increase in your life?