



JANUARY 14

COMMUNITY

INTRODUCTION

God never intended for us to walk alone. Authentic community in which we deeply know others and are known by others is necessary for a victorious faith life. To follow God faithfully, we must make it part of our regular routine to share our lives with other believers.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe your first experience attending a small group or Bible study. Did it seem strange, awkward? Why did you go? Why did you go back?
2. What is community? How has God used authentic Christian community to accomplish his purpose in your life?
3. Read **Hebrews 10:23-25**. Why is it so tempting for some believers to forgo church and real community?
4. Hebrews tells us to “*not neglect our meeting together.*” What are the encouragements and benefits of meeting together as Christians that we cannot get on our own?
5. What is something you find beneficial about LifeGroups?
6. What personally draws you to a body of believers? What turns you away? What would make those outside of your fellowship want to be a part of it? In what way(s) would they see Christ?

MOVING FORWARD

Being known in all of our weakness, insecurity, and hidden sin, and yet being loved and accepted is critical to our lives being transformed by grace. Because we cannot visibly see God, He has designed Christian community to manifest this grace so we can truly experience it.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! Psalm 133:1