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together



Vision for Bentonville Community Ministry

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Community

**The connection of relationships within the
Body of Christ**



Acts 2:42-47 niv

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



Innumerable times a whole Christian community has broken down because it has sprung from a wish dream. The serious Christian, set down for the first time in a Christian community, is likely to bring with him a very definite idea of what Christian life together should be and to try to realize it. But God's grace speedily shatters such dreams... Every human wish dream that is injected into the Christian community is a hindrance to genuine community and must be banished if genuine community is to survive. He who loves his dream of a community more than the Christian community itself becomes a destroyer of the latter, even though his personal intentions may be ever so honest and earnest and sacrificial.

- DIETRICH BONHOEFFER



Community

Belong | *Gather together.*

Grow | *Grow together.*

Serve | *Serve together.*

Multiply | *Make disciples together.*



Community I Belong

ROMANS 12:4-5 NIV

For just as each of us has one body with many members,
and these members do not all have the same function,
so **in Christ** we, though many, form one body, and **each
member belongs to all the others.**



Community | Belong

Be devoted to one another | *Romans 12:10*

Admonish one another | *Romans 15:14*

Care for one another | *1 Corinthians 12:25*

Forgive one another | *Colossians 3:13*

Submit to one another | *Ephesians 5:21*

Serve one another | *Galatians 5:13*

Pray for one another | *James 5:16*

Confess your faults to one another | *James 5:16*



Community | Grow

HEBREWS 10:24-25 NIV

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

We come to Christ one at a time but we grow together.



Community | Grow

Growth Activities:

- Prayer
- Scripture Memory
- Bible Study
- Reading Christian Books



Community I Serve

MARK 10:45 NIV

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served,
but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



Community I Serve

Serving Opportunities:

- Welcome & Connection ministry
- Kid's & Student ministry
- Samaritan Community Center



Community | Multiply

MATTHEW 28:19-20 NIV

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey
everything I have commanded you. And surely I am
with you always, to the very end of the age.”



Community | Multiply

Elephants

- Elephants are fertile only 4 times per year, and carry 1 baby for 22 months per pregnancy, starting at 18 years of age.
- At 3 years, 2 elephants become 3, producing 26,000 lbs of food.
- In 5 years, 2 elephants become 4, producing 38,000 lbs of food.

Rabbits

- Rabbits are practically continuously fertile, and carry an average of 7 babies for 1 month per pregnancy, starting at 4 months of age.
- At 3 years, 2 rabbits become 50,643, producing 661,000 lbs of food.
- In 5 years, 2 rabbits become 69 million, producing 925 million lbs of food.



Community | Multiply

Multiplication Questions:

- How can I/we help to produce and release spiritual leaders?
- Am I/are we reaching out beyond our group?
- Do we sense spiritual vitality and a healthy growth trajectory in our group?
- Who's on your heart for heaven? How can we pray with one another for others to experience the joyful life of following Christ?



Community

DEEP

- Transparent
- Looks within group to see needs
- Grows together
- Sees lives changed
- Shares life together
- Significant

WIDE

- Welcoming
- Looks outside of group to see needs
- Serves together
- Multiplies life change
- Invites others to join
- Influential



What is my role in community?

1. Join us in prayer. (Matthew 9:37-38)
2. Join us in community. (Belong)
3. Join us in leadership. (Grow)
4. Join us in welcoming and connecting others. (Serve)
5. Join us in developing leaders. (Multiply)
6. Join us in blessing, serving, and reaching out to those in our community. (Multiply)



Community

Our common unity is found in Christ.

