

	VALUES: Made for More - Grow in Community
 BIG IDEA	Community is where God grows us from who we are into who we're called to be.
 ICE BREAKER	Survey time! Think about your current level of community. On a scale of 1-10, how connected are you to authentic, life-giving relationships? Why did you give yourself that rating?
 MAIN POINTS	● You are made for community because God himself exists in community ● We Make Excuses to Avoid Community ○ I'm Too Busy (we choose busyness over connection) ○ I'm Independent (easier to do life alone) ○ I'm Too Messy (hiding sin and brokenness) ○ I Have Deep Wounds (past rejection keeps us guarded) ● The Early Church Modeled True Community ○ Acts 2:44-47 shows they: Ate together regularly, Prayed and worshiped together, Cared for one another's needs, Met daily, not just weekly ● Community is Where Transformation Happens
 DISCUSS	1. DJ mentioned that when you are disconnected from community, you are living outside of the design God has given us. How does that statement sit with you? Do you agree or struggle with it? 2. Read Hebrews 10:23-25 together. The word "spur" in verse 24 means to stir up or push - not just gentle encouragement. Can you share a time when someone "spurred" you toward love and good deeds? How did it feel? 3. Which of the four excuses for avoiding community hits closest to home for you? 4. DJ said, "You can't push anyone, and you can't be pushed by anyone if you don't know anyone." Who in your life currently has permission to "push" you toward Jesus? If no one, why not? 5. DJ said, "Our deepest wounds come from relationships, but our deepest healing comes from relationships." Do you believe that's true? Why or why not?
 NEXT STEP	Choose one practical step you could take this week to deepen community through the church: ○ Sign up for Men's Elevate (CentralAZ.com/elevate) or Women's Getaway (CentralAZ.com/getaway) ○ Open your home for a gathering or join a group ○ Be vulnerable with someone about what you're walking through
 SCRIPTURE	Genesis 2:18 It is not good for man to be alone. Hebrews 10:23-25 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 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.
 NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEAK	Join us next week and invite a friend as we start a new series called Voices: Who are you Listening to?

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