

**INTRO**

- In our lifetime, the world has never been more connected and, at the same time, seen more loneliness. Why do you think this is?
- What about technology both helps and harms the building of community?
- Did you have a best friend/s growing up? What was that like for you?

Today we are discussing the importance and resolve we need to do Life Together.

**REFLECT**

*Qu: If relationships are a source of some of our highs and lows in life, what does this tell you about the place of relationships in our lives?*

**READ Gen 2:18**

We are relational beings made in the image of a relational God. Aloneness is not good. It would seem that God has created us with a human-shaped void.

*Qu: Do you agree that there is a need for human relationship inside of us that not even God will fill? Why/why not?*

*Qu: What are some of the negative side effects of aloneness?*

(e.g. loss of perspective, fear of intimacy, selfishness)

**LIFE TOGETHER**

Living life alone does not accurately reflect the One in whose image we bear. Life Together is not only better, but essential.

**READ John 17:11, 20-21**

Jesus' prayer invites us to enjoy the level of relationship the Trinity experiences. Furthermore, the credibility of Jesus' life and message in the eyes of unbelievers is heavily influenced by our behaviour with one another.

*Qu: How does Jesus make the difference in our efforts to build community?*

In Jesus rests the hope to build connections across typical divides (gender, ethnicity, age, socio-economic); our common denominator is Jesus — the community of Jesus is built on the common unity around Jesus.

Your primary community is a massive shaper on your identity — family, school, friends, work, church. When we become followers of Jesus then, one of our primary communities becomes his church.

*Qu: How do our relationships as seen by an unbelieving world help the credibility of Jesus' life and message?*

**READ Heb 10:24-25**

To be the kind of community that shares Life Together, requires resolve—firmly determined to:

- **consider** how to stir up one another to love and good works
- **meet** together
- **encourage** one another (fill another with courage)

Practically speaking, how can we consider, meet and encourage one another more intentionally?

**RESPOND**

- What was most encouraging/challenging from today's discussion?
- How will you apply this to your life?

**PRAY**

- Pray for one another
- Pray for our church, that we would build a healthy, authentic community that is life giving and helps people do life together.