

# Gathering

## COMMUNITY

**D**o you ever feel alone even though you are surrounded by people all day? Do you wish you could find ways to reach out to people and connect with them in significant ways? Let's face it – the time spent at work, school or church can be more time than you spend with your own family. With that in mind, creating positive, nurturing, God-honoring community is important.

God created us to be interdependent on one another...we are wired for community! Sometimes we shy away from community and fellowship because that is when life can get 'sticky' or complicated. It seems easier to be holy when we are all alone. But God has not made us independent beings.

Just as the Trinity is one, so followers of Jesus are one. We belong to one another. It's important to step out, take the risk and be involved with others!

How are you at nurturing community and relationships? It is an important part of life – it enriches us and brings us joy!

Scripture tells us: *"In Him you are being built together, creating a sacred dwelling place among where God can live in the Spirit."*  
Ephesians 2:22

After sharing Scripture use at least three of the questions below with your group:

- What are some reasons it is difficult, at times, to create positive, nurturing, God-honoring relationships?
- Are there people, who come to mind, that you would like to include in your community? Is it easier to consider those that you may exclude from your circle of community? Why?
- How do you live out a sacred dwelling place in your daily life?
- What are some steps that you can take this week to begin building your community and be enriched by relationships?

*Complete your monthly report and turn it in to the Corps Officer.*

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