



Gathering

COMMUNITY

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Paul McCartney once wrote, “All the lonely people, Where do they all come from? All the lonely people, Where do they belong?” They belong in community. But we aren’t talking about just any type of community. There are all types of communities but the one you want to be a part of is a community that desires God, because then your relationship with God and with others will grow. As the church of God, we can and should be a part of the Christian community. The church is not a building but a body of believers that love God and love each other. In Matthew 18: 20 it says, “For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” Just as believers in the early church needed each other so do we. God has called us into community with one another, He said He would dwell in us and walk among us, meaning that when we are in deep fellowship, community and sharing our lives together there He is.

Think about this, The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit exist in perfect community. The Godhead would not be complete if all 3 did not exist simultaneously, infinitely, and perfectly in community. Humans were uniquely created to exist in community with God, which is why God created us in His image. You and I, not the fish in the ocean, the birds in the sky or the stars in the heavens above, were created to exist in community with God. But because of Adam and Eve’s fall in the garden every human was born separated from God. And nothing is really right in life until community with God is restored. God gives us grace and mercy with the gift of His own Son’s death and resurrection so that community with Him can be restored.

After reading scripture consider these questions:

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



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