



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK FOUR | CUMULATIVE EFFECT: INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY

WARM-UP QUESTION

Share about a memory made with a friend during your childhood.

DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read [Ecclesiastes 4:7-12](#)

- What observations did you make as you read this passage? What is the tone? Do you see any repeated words?
- What contrasts do you see between verses 7-8 and verses 9-12.
- What does the author suggest are the benefits of intentional community?
- How does this passage challenge our culture's emphasis on individuality and self-sufficiency?
- What does this passage teach you about God and following him in his design for community?
- Where do you see the benefits of community in your life? Where do you see gaps in community?

Read [Romans 12:9-10](#)

- What does love with genuine affection look like in community?
- How can you honor the people in your life?

Read [Hebrews 10:24](#)

- How can you motivate the people in your life towards acts of love?
- Who is someone you know that exemplifies encouraging others towards love and good works?

Spend some time as a group looking at additional "one another" passages. How are we called to live in community according to what you read?

- Start with [Galatians 5:13](#), [Galatians 6:2](#), and [James 5:16](#).
- Using the concordance in your Bible or by searching online, look up other passages that speak to how to love one another in community. (Hint: Blue Letter Bible is an online study tool that allows you to search for key words in Scripture, such as "one another").

RESPOND

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.