



Empowering People to Change the World

## **The Value of Being in a Community Group**

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The value of anything is determined by the price you are willing to pay for it.

- Walter and Ethel story

In 1976 Chris Christian wrote a song entitled, "We've got to get back to the bible."

- Sing the chorus ...
- What does the bible say about community groups?
  - Acts 2:46-47
  - Acts 12:12
  - Acts 16:40
  - Acts 20:20
  - Romans 16:3-5
  - 1 Corinthians 16:19
  - Colossians 4:15
  - Philemon 1:1-2
  - Hebrews 10:25

The top five reasons we should value being in a Road Community Group.

1. Community groups provide community.
  - a. Community groups create a sense of belonging.
  - b. We were created for community.
  - c. Typically, the smaller the group, the greater the engagement.
  - d. Simply put, we cannot do this on our own.
  - e. Truth is absolute, but our perception of it is fragmentary. - Ed Cole
  - f. Just as metal shavings are attracted to a magnet, our vibe will attract our tribe.
  - g. It takes a long time to make an old friend.

2. Community groups provide equipping.
  - a. Community groups are a powerful tool to provide equipping and training to develop spiritual growth.
  - b. 2 Peter 1:3, "God has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness."
  - c. People are less intimidated to pray for someone in a smaller setting.
3. Community groups provide encouragement.
  - a. So many people have gone so much farther than they ever thought they could, because someone else thought they could.
  - b. The smaller setting of a community group allows everyone in the group to participate and grow.
  - c. We are all our own worst enemies.
  - d. There's nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it's going to be a butterfly.
  - e. Smiling has the same effect on people, that sunlight has on an unbudded rose.
4. Community groups are a great vehicle for outreach and evangelism.
  - a. Community groups are a perfect platform to evangelize your neighborhood by inviting friends and neighbors.
  - b. Community groups can organize local service projects, volunteer activities, and other outreach efforts, extending the church's impact beyond its walls.
5. Community groups provide accountability.
  - a. Relationships develop quicker in a smaller setting, fostering a sense of commitment and accountability to the group.
  - b. Community groups develop blood-stained allies.
  - c. Mentoring and discipleship are a natural by-product of community groups.