

## **“Tools of the Trade: The Community of Believers”**

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Humans are wired for relationships with other human beings.

“. . . It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

Genesis 2:18

### **Christian community has several purposes:**

#### **1. Encouragement**

*“Two are better than one...if either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie together, they will keep warm. But how can they keep warm alone? . . . A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”*

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

#### **2. Accountability**

*“It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you... Shouldn't you rather gone into mourning and have put out of fellowship the man who has been doing this?”*

1 Corinthians 5:1-2

#### **3. Mentoring**

*“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”*

1 Corinthians. 11:1

#### **4. Sharing of Gifts**

*“Just as a body, through one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body. So it is with Christ.”*

1 Corinthians 12:12

#### **5. Stir one another to better grow in faith and impact the world.**

*“. . . let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”*

Hebrews 10:24