



Part 2: “It Takes a Village”

Introduction

The idea of having a village around us sounds good to most of us. But in today’s world, it’s not that easy. We tend to wait for community to find us, but what would it look like if we took steps to cultivate the kind of community we need? How do we do it?

Discussion Questions

1. How old were you when you got your first phone? What kind was it?
2. In what way has technology made life easier for you? Has technology made other things more complicated or made a negative impact on your life?
3. Samer explained how technology, busyness, individualization, and fear can be barriers that keep us from forming a village. Have you ever wanted a village, but some barrier kept you from cultivating it?
4. Read Acts 2:42–47. In this passage, Luke, the author, describes what the early church looked like in community. Which piece of this seems the most appealing to you? Which piece strikes you as the most difficult to do?
5. The church is called to be a communal experience. Have you ever seen the church be effective or attractive to those in our community because of how we did life together? What did that look like?
6. Samer gave three simple, yet effective, practical steps: make time, go first, and share a meal. Which step do you need to take toward cultivating relationships over this next month? What would taking that next step look like?

Changing Your Mind

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13:34–35