

STEP 3: JOIN

“Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.”
Proverbs 27:17

A THEOLOGY OF COMMUNITY

Community is so important. It transcends cultures. Regardless of religious background, most people agree that we need other people. This reality is found throughout the Bible. To put it plainly, we were designed to relationally need others and to meet the needs of others relationally. Missing this element of our walk is to miss a crucial aspect of who God has created you to be.

TRINITY

At the heart of God’s very existence is community. The Bible teaches the truth that (1) God eternally exists as three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; (2) Each person is fully God; and (3) there is one God. For all of eternity, the persons of the Trinity have existed in perfect community (**John 10:30; 14:6–7, 26**).

ADAM & EVE

The first instance of human community comes with the first humans. God created Adam and then created Eve so Adam would not be alone (**Genesis 2:18**). Eve was created to complement Adam and give him the most intimate of community—marriage.

ISRAEL

Community continued in the Bible with the formation of the people of Israel. God promised Abraham that “I will make of you a great nation” (**Genesis 12:2**) and that his offspring will be more numerous than the stars of heaven and the sand of the seashore (**Genesis 15:5**). Israel multiplied greatly until they were a massive family that still exists today.

EARLY CHURCH

When Jesus ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit came and empowered the church. These early Christians quickly connected and became community. The church gathered then and now for transformation, connection, and multiplication (**Acts 2:42–47**).

WHY WE NEED COMMUNITY

Nature – We were created and wired for community, not isolation.

Friendship – Proverbs 27 explains so much about biblical friendship - a close few who will know us, love us, sharpen us, and be dependable.

Care – Let’s face it, we all need help from time to time. We are also called to minister to others.

Growth – God gave us the body to teach each other how to be more like Christ.

HOW DOES VINTAGE FACILITATE COMMUNITY?

vGroups

vGroups are small groups of people who meet regularly for transformation, connection, and multiplication.

Transformation: Scripture & Prayer

Connection: Relationships & Care

Multiplication: Outreach & Sending

THE IMPORTANCE OF GROUPS IN YOUR GROWTH

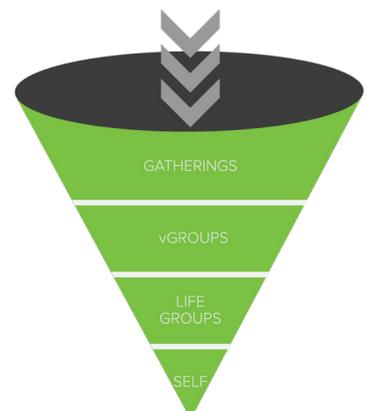
Discipleship happens at every level. The deeper you go into the cone, the greater the depth of growth in Christ. We need each of these discipleship elements.

JOIN A GROUP

Don’t wait to join a group! Our vGroups meet on a regular basis. Have a meal together ask each other questions based on the passage of scripture from that week’s sermon, and pray for each other. Our vGroups are one of the best ways not only to connect into the life of Vintage Church but also ultimately grow in your relationship with Jesus.

What are you waiting for? Join a group. Change your life!

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