

**\*(This document contains Life Group Questions as well as Recommended Resources mentioned in the sermon.)**

# **BETTER TOGETHER**

***Life Group Questions | Sunday, August 5, 2018***

Have you had an experience of hardship bringing people together? What was that like?

**Read Genesis 2:18.** How does this passage speak to our design for relationship? Do you celebrate this idea or struggle with it? How so?

**Read 1 Peter 2:9-10.** How has community shaped your identity and journey of faith?

**Read Acts 2:42-47.** What qualities of community life do you see happening in this account? What might those same qualities look like in our current context?

**Read and discuss** ten of the 59 “one another” commands found in scripture. What stirs in you as you read?

1. *Be at peace with one another.* (Mark 9:50)
2. *Wash one another's feet.* (John 13:14)
3. *Honor one another above yourselves.* (Romans 12:10)
4. *Live in harmony with one another...* (Romans 12:16)
5. *Be patient, bearing with one another in love.* (Ephesians 4:2)
6. *Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another.* (Colossians 3:13)
7. *Encourage one another...* (I Thessalonians 4:18)
8. *Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.* (I Peter 4:9)
9. *Spur one another on toward love and good deeds.* (Hebrews 10:24)
10. *Greet one another with a kiss of love.* (I Peter 5:14)

## **PRACTICING COMMUNITY**

### **Tips**

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- Community takes time
- Community takes courage
- Community is costly

### **Community Life at New Hope:**

- Make coming to church a priority
- Get involved in a group
- Serve regularly

Discuss your response to the idea of pursuing this sacred rhythm of community. What might be a next step for you?

**Pray together.**

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*"It is not good for the man to be alone."  
-Genesis 2:18a NIV*

## **Tips for Practicing Community:**

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## **Cultivating Community at New Hope:**

- Make coming to church a priority
- Get involved in a mid-sized group
- Serve regularly

## **Recommended Resources:**

*Sacred Rhythms* by Ruth Haley Barton

*The Life You've Always Wanted* by John Ortberg

*The Spirit of the Disciplines* by Dallas Willard