

# Creating Community in an Age of Loneliness



**The Need for Small  
Groups**

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# A culture craving relationship







## John 17:20–23

“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; <sup>21</sup> that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

## John 17:20-23

And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: **23** I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.



# Discussion Question 1

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Can you describe a meaningful relationship you've had in community with others? What made it so significant?



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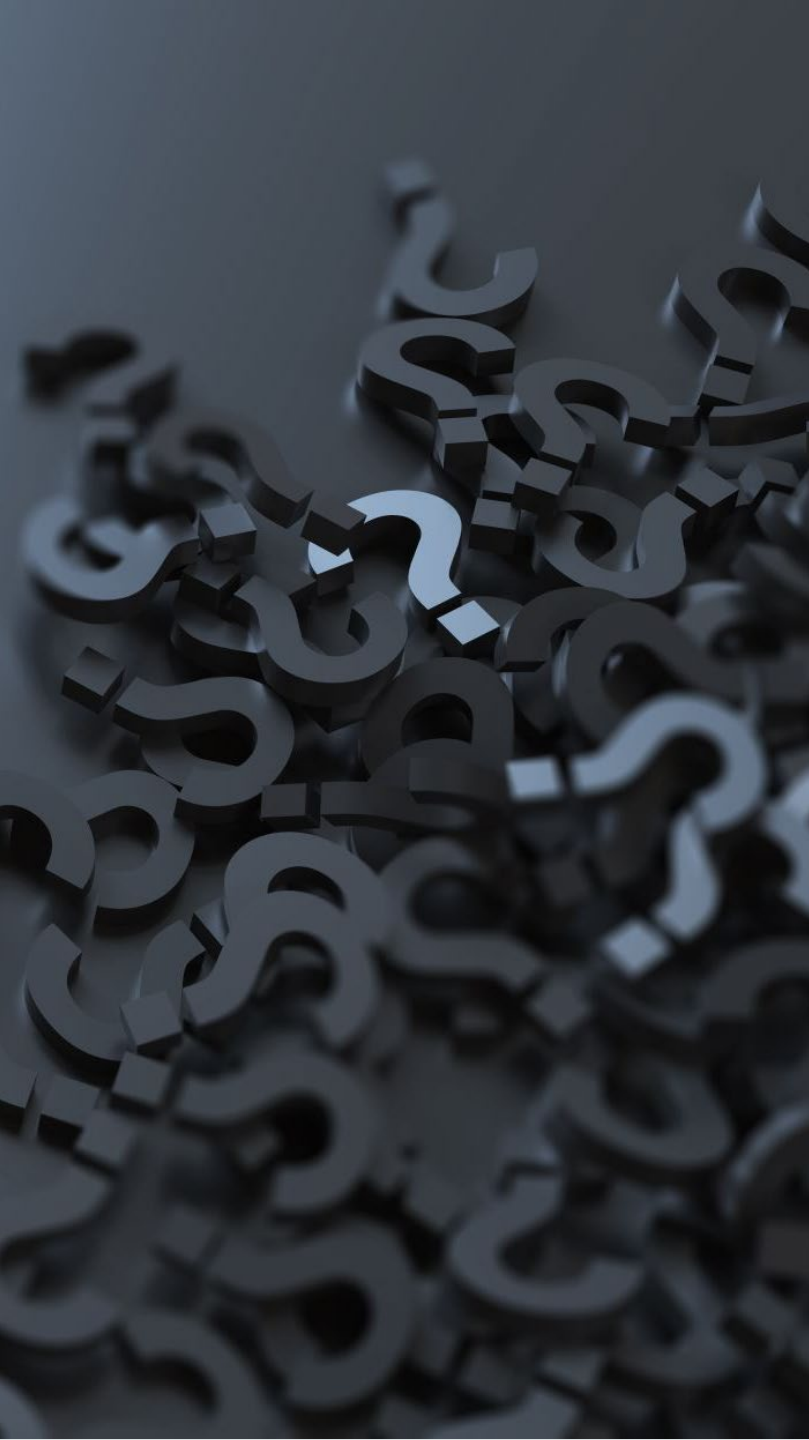


## John 13:34, 35

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"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. **35** By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."





## Discussion Question 2

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What do you think people today are looking for?



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1. It is where you build and deepen friendships
2. It is where believers receive care & teaching
3. It is the perfect setting for inviting and reaching others





## Discussion Question 3

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Why is it that casual connections at church are just not enough to form close, meaningful relationships?

# Help them find C.A.R.E.

C Community

A Accountability

R Relationship depth

E Experience







# Discussion Question 4

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How can small groups effectively grow disciples for Jesus?



# Discussion Question 5

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What are the elements for fostering community in a small group?







# Discussion Question 6

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How do I start or lead a small group?



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