

“JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF COMMUNITY”

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There is not a shortage of community these days. We live in a time where community now stretches digitally across the globe. So the question isn't "do you have community?" The question is, "what's at the center of yours?" The answer to that determines much more than your fulfillment, what you're becoming, or even what you're not. This morning there is an opportunity and invitation. It's worth the journey!

Matthew 18:15-20

1. Real needs are **met**
2. Sins are **forgiven**
3. Calling is **fueled**

GraceRiver Church Growth Group Study Guide

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As a child what one thing was the hardest to share with others? What is hardest to share now in this stage of life?

This is a definition of community: “A group of people living together in one place, especially one practicing common ownership”. What are the keys to community from this definition?

What was most insightful or challenging to you from the teaching Sunday? How will the teaching from Sunday make a difference in your life? What will you do differently now?

Read Acts 2:42-47 and make any observations:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

What are the elements of community that are found in these verses?

How do these elements release God’s presence among the people? How is God with them and how do these practices they are doing open them to God’s presence?

How is GraceRiver like this group of people and how is GraceRiver unlike this group?

Like

Unlike

What factors help us to have this kind of community and what factors hinder us?

What can you do to help GraceRiver become more like this early church? What actions can you take?

It would seem that the early church had community as a big piece of spiritual presence. What can we do as a group to aid that community? Go back to the teaching Sunday. What did we learn there that would help us?

What steps will you take now to help build the community of GraceRiver church?