

# Establish Your Christian Community

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## What exactly is “Christian community”?

**Definition:** While every person at Lighthouse is a part of your church family, your Christian community consists of the people at Lighthouse with whom you are interdependent.

*Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. <sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>46</sup> . . . They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts . . . Acts 2:41-42, 46 (New International Version)*

“Fellowship” = Greek = koinos = “having in common”

## What does Christian community provide?

See “one another” passages, including the following:

*Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Romans 12:10a (NIV)*

*Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Colossians 3:16b (New Living Translation)*

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)*

*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)*

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)*

*Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another . . . James 5:16a (English Standard Version)*

## How do I establish my community?

- Take responsibility to establish community in your life.
- Plan time for people and friendships.

*Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*  
Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)

- Keep experimenting with friendships until you have a group that you can relate to.

## How do you maintain Christian community?

- Plan activities together.
- Give support.

*Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.* Romans 12:15 (NIV)

- Gives the members of your community access to your life.