



SUMMER AT TLC

COMMUNITY

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God **sets the lonely in families**, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land. Psalm 68:6 NIV

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and **Matthew the tax collector**; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; **Simon the Zealot** and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. Matthew 10:2-4 NIV

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE COMMUNITY JESUS STARTED:

- Jesus lived in _____
- The call to follow him was a call to _____
- People called to his community were _____

1. How we misunderstand community

- We mistake _____ for community
- We mistake _____ for community

2. Why we fear community

- _____
- _____
- _____

3. Why we need community

- Community grows _____

Two essentials to spiritual growth that happen only in community
_____ and _____

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also **members of his household**, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a **holy temple** in the Lord. And in him you too are being **built together** to become a **dwelling** in which God lives by his Spirit. Ephesians 2:19-22 NIV

- Community grows _____

I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to **complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me** and have loved them even as you have loved me. John 17:22,23 NIV

Every day they continued to **meet together in the temple courts**. They broke bread **in their homes** and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. **And the Lord added to their number daily** those who were being saved. Acts 2:46,47 NIV

THE BOTTOM LINE

Community is essential to _____

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