



Ecc 4:8-12; Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-35

OPEN

Think back over your life and share a time when a group or community of people was very influential in your life. Describe what you experienced in that group.

DISCUSS

Read the Bible passages together as a group. What are the common threads in these passages? What is revealed about the influence of the group? What are the secrets to meaningful community in these passages?

Unbreakable families and communities seem to share six characteristics that contribute to their success. Spend a minutes sharing your thoughts about these six characteristics. Which present the biggest challenges for you?

Commitment

Encouragement

God-seeking practices

Good communication

Spendin time together

Suffer together

The first characteristic is the commitment to building community. You might say commitment provides the foundation for the others. How did the early church communities commit to one another?

Have you ever committed yourself to a group of people like this? How is your current group similar or different in this kind of commitment? What would it mean for your group to:

- Commit more intentionally to one another?
- Commit to God's plans and mission for your group?

If God were to move powerfully in the life of your group (or another group you are connected to), what do you think would happen this fall or this year?