



Putting the “U” in Community

NEXT, PART 3

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NEXT: It’s not too late to have a better year...to embody the values of a better reality, a better Kingdom!

ULTIMATE VALUES AND “COMMUNITY”

GOD — We are made in the image of a God who exists as Father, Son, Holy Spirit — or Trinity, a.k.a. community.

LOVE — Definition requires “proximity” ...you got to be WITH!

GRACE — Receiving and giving it requires RISK that is made real in COMMUNITY.

STATEMENT 1:

To have a better year is to live into “ultimate values” and to do this we must break the isolation impulse inertia and put the U in COMMUNITY!

²⁴ and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24–25

STATEMENT 2:

Progress (growth) happens as we intentionally live in proximity with each other around the Lord Jesus the Christ, His Mission and His Word.

⁴¹ So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

⁴² They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching [Word] and to fellowship [Authenticity], to the breaking of bread [Life WITH] and to prayer. [The Presence]

⁴³ Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

⁴⁴ And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common;

⁴⁵ and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

⁴⁶ Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,

⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved. [Mission]

Acts 2:41–47

INERTIA BREAKING MOVES

- GATHER — I’m going to arrange my life to gather, to be physically present in worship.
- KNOWN — I will take one more step.
- GROUP — I’m going to try a group.
- GIVE MY LIFE



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