

What Kind of Community Are We Created For? Ecclesiastes 4

We are created for community: **Genesis 1-2**

What kind of community? **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**

Intentional Gospel Focused Community

Relationships with:

Mutual knowledge **4:10**

Can tell when others fall “*How are you?*”

Others know when we have fallen “*I’m fine.*”

Mutual engagement **4:10**

Pick each other up

Loving courageous honesty **1 Cor. 13:1;**
Eph. 4:15

Humble approachability **James 5:16**

Jesus picked up:

Simon the Pharisee **Luke 7:36-50**

Rich young ruler **Matthew 19:16-23**

Teacher of the law **Luke 10:25-37**

Mutual Respect

Not “saving” others **Job 42:7-9**

Banish the phrase “Have you tried...”

“Can you tell me what is going on in your life?”

Not demanding others save us

How can we experience this community?

God gives it to us through Jesus

He was lifted up to lift us up **John 3:14-15**

We have new life and the Holy Spirit at work in us

Point each other to Jesus