



Part 1: *Growing In Grace*

We need people who know us deeply in the strong and not-so-strong places of our lives. We can't do this "Christian" thing in isolation.

~ *Glenn Marshall*

Ironically, one problem we often see in the Christian community is that people get more into religion and less into the connect4dness the Bible prescribes, with the result that they get sicker, not better.

~ *Dr. John Townsend*

It's quite simple. People's most basic need in life is relationship. People connected to other people thrive and grow, and those not connected wither and die.

~ *Dr. Henry Cloud*

Since community alone will survive from this world into the next, it is ultimately the only thing God is doing today that has eternal significance.

~ *Dr. Gilbert Bilezikien*

We will never transform the world as individuals.

~ *Julie A. Gorman*

Jesus Christ, by putting us in his body, determined that we would need each other as much as we need him.

~ *Richard Halverson*

The Christian life is meant to be lived in intimate relationships with small groups of other believers.

~ *Gregory A. Boyd*

I am learning that the best cure for hypocrisy is community. Hypocrisy is not so much the result of not living what I preach but much more of not confessing my inability to fully live up to my own words.

~ *Henri Nouwen*

The most conspicuous weakness of evangelical Protestant theology has been its lack of understanding and witness to authentic community as the fulfillment of the believer's personal relation to God.

~ *C. N. Kraus*

The best of community takes place in an intentional small group focusing on spiritual formation.

~ *Larry Crabb*

The Church is not a religious community of worshippers of Christ but is *Christ Himself* who has taken form among men.

~ *Deitrich Bonhoeffer*

So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

~ ***Romans 12:5 (TNIV)***