

What is the definition of community?

What are the differences of a Christian community?

I. Why do I need community?

Hebrews 10:23

God is a community in himself (The Trinity community)

God created man and woman to be in community together (The humanity community)

God chose the Israelites to be his people (Old Testament community)

God called the church to be a community of believers (New Testament community)

II. What if I don't want to deal with the messiness of community?

Hebrews 10:24-25

The fearfulness of community – No one will understand me

The painfulness of community – Everyone has hurt me

The bitterness of community – I don't need anyone

Hebrews 10:23-24

Matthew 16:18

III. How can I participate in community?

Hebrews 10:24

Stir up:

A. Stir up love (24-25)

B. Stir up love in big groups (25)

C. Stir up love in small groups (25)

IV. What is the ultimate goal of community?

A. The goal is not community but Christ-like conformity– to be more like Christ (23, 25)

B. The goal is not church people, but all peoples – to have more believe in Christ (25)

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