

THRIVE:

Community 101



John 13:34-35

34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."



There Are Challenges to Community

- “I’m not sure I know how.”
- “I’m an introvert.”
- “I’m a parent with young children.”
- “I’m an empty nester.”
- “There are too many cliques.”
- “I’ve been hurt, so I’m out!”
- “I give and give, but . . .”



Our Foundation for Community Must Be Formed by the Gospel

- It begins with my conversion process. (1 John 4:7)
- My conversion ignites my motivation.
- My motivation must be formed by the example of Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 4:9-10)
- Following the example of Jesus is guided, empowered, and perfected by His Spirit. (1 John 4:12)



Pursuing a Community That Is Formed by the Gospel . . .

- Calls me to “look around and see.”
- Confronts my critical spirit.
- Catalyzes my maturity.

