



Real Community: Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

This study is meant as an introductory study, not an in-depth study. We typically suggest 15–20 minutes for the study. It can easily be expanded with more discussion questions. This is great to use with History Giving at the beginning of the school year.

Opening Question

In what ways have the communities you have been involved with in the past shaped who you are?

Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12.

Text Questions

1. From verse 9, what are some benefits to fellowship? (Synergy. More can be accomplished.)
2. From verse 10, what are some benefits to fellowship? (Help support each other when we are in need.)
3. From verse 11, what are some benefits to fellowship? (Help comfort one another.)
4. From verse 12, what are some benefits to fellowship? (Brings strength and accountability.)

Fellowship helps us bear more fruit, gives us the support we need, helps comfort us and know that we are not alone, and brings strength and accountability.

Application Questions

1. What ingredients will be essential for this type of fellowship to happen in our lives?
2. As a Core Group, think about going over Key Ingredients to a Healthy Core Group (Real Community: Acts Study) or Developing a Group Covenant.





Key Ingredients for a Healthy Core Group

1. **Commitment** — The backbone to a healthy Core Group is commitment. Commitment to Jesus and commitment to one another, which results in a commitment to the Core Group.
2. **Openness and Honesty** — For us to get the most out of Core Group we need to be real with one another. We need to be able to say when we are doing well and when we are not.
3. **Confidentiality** — In order for people to be real and open we need to be able to trust one another that what is shared in the Core Group is confidential to the group.
4. **Affirmation** — A healthy Core Group is a place where people feel valued and accepted. There is nothing you have done or can do that will make us not love and care for you.
5. **Accountability** — A healthy Core Group is a group in which people are accountable to each other.
6. **Prayer** — A healthy Core Group is a group that lifts each other up before the throne of grace and asks Him for the blessings they need.

