



Putting the “U” in Community

**NEXT, PART 3**

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**NEXT:** It’s not too late to have a better year...to embody the values of a better reality, a better Kingdom!

**ULTIMATE VALUES AND “COMMUNITY”**

**GOD** — We are made in the image of a God who exists as Father, Son, Holy Spirit — or Trinity, a.k.a. community.

**LOVE** — Definition requires “proximity” ...you got to be WITH!

**GRACE** — Receiving and giving it requires RISK that is made real in COMMUNITY.

**STATEMENT 1:**

To have a better year is to live into “ultimate values” and to do this we must break the isolation impulse inertia and put the U in COMMUNITY!

*<sup>24</sup> and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.*

Hebrews 10:24–25

**STATEMENT 2:**

Progress (growth) happens as we intentionally live in proximity with each other around the Lord Jesus the Christ, His Mission and His Word.

<sup>41</sup> So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

<sup>42</sup> They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching [Word] and to fellowship [Authenticity], to the breaking of bread [Life WITH] and to prayer. [The Presence]

<sup>43</sup> Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

<sup>44</sup> And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common;

<sup>45</sup> and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

<sup>46</sup> Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,

<sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved. [Mission]

Acts 2:41–47

**INERTIA BREAKING MOVES**

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- KNOWN — I will take one more step.
- GROUP — I’m going to try a group.
- GIVE MY LIFE



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