



# COMMUNITY: Intro Lesson

## Student Guide

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**TEXT:** Matthew 5:13–16; 9:12–13, Mark 3:13–14, John 17:20–23

**1. Community is a big deal to \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Do not think you can follow Jesus alone.*

*Do not think that you have to be perfect to follow Jesus.*

“[Jesus] said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick....I came not to call the righteous, but sinners,” (Matt. 9:12–13).

**2. The heart of true community is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with God.**

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me,” (John 17:20–23).

*Listen*

*Respond*





### 3. Christian community brings the \_\_\_\_\_ inside.

“I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one,” (John 17:15).

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,” (Matt. 28:19a).

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven,” (Matt. 5:13-16).