



Living in Community

4 Bible Studies - August 2025



Teaching Series:

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PRIMARY AIM

- To theologically explore different dimensions to living in a community.

SUBSIDIARY AIMS

- To affirm those of us who may be experiencing loneliness and isolation, and to encourage our church to look out for others in this situation.
- To affirm the value of singleness and to hear the voices of those in our community who have chosen or not chosen to be single.
- To affirm the value of marriage and its purpose within community.
- To affirm friendships, whether they are close or distant friendships, as a fundamental part of community.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

It is easy to talk about being a community, however living out a Christ-centred community is not so easy. And it is also easy to take for granted that we are all on the same page when it comes to thinking theologically around singleness and marriage. The vision for this series is to visit some key dimensions to a community. Of course, there are many more dimensions and possibilities that could be covered, such as ethnicity or stages of life, but this series aims to make a beginning at surfacing some key aspects of community.

Offering the Marriage Course, Parenting Course and Singles Forum has yielded interest in a broader discussion. A common response is “Everybody needs to hear this.” This series will provide an opportunity for more pastoral teaching on community matters that no doubt impact many who worship at our services each week.

At the end of the term, the 10am service is holding a QnA service where there will be opportunity to respond to questions asked during the series. The QR code is provided so Connect Group members can submit questions if they arise during the studies.

OUTLINE OF SERIES

Date		Title	Reading
1	3 Aug	Loneliness in a World of Digital Interactions	Genesis 2:18-24
2	10 Aug	The Value of Marriage in Today's World	Matthew 19:1-9
3	17 Aug	Singleness: To be Pitied or Pursued?	Matthew 19:10-12
4	24 Aug	The Case for Friendship	John 15:12-17



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