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God’s Answer, Right Next to You

*Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, 1 Corinthians 12:12-26*

Americans are increasingly isolated. How is the family part of this trend (Genesis 2:18)? How is the world more crowded and yet more lonely all at once?

How has our relative wealth in the western church impoverished us (Revelation 3:18)? What happens differently in a culture where people need one another? In what ways can financially poor communities be spiritually wealthier?

Why was community and teamwork a more obvious need when there were less police, roads, infrastructure or public services (Nehemiah 4:7-11, 16-18)?

When have you found joy in working with others? When have you experienced joyful comradery with fellow believers doing ministry? Share an experience with the group.

Why did God design the Church as a community necessary for the life of the believer? What are your spiritual gifts? Are you using them on a regular basis? If not how could that happen?

List some examples in the church where if one suffers we all do and if one is honored we all are (1 Corinthians 12:26)?