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RELATIONSHIPS

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01: The Example.

02: The _____.

The Believers Form a Community

42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

ACTS 2:42
NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

Met in homes for...

(01) _____

(02) _____

(03) _____

(04) _____

Met in homes for...

(01) Teaching

(02) _____

(03) _____

(04) _____

Met in homes for...

(01) Teaching

(02) Fellowship

(03) _____

(04) _____

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Apollos in Ephesus

24 A Jewish man named Apollos came to Ephesus.

Apollos had been born in the city of Alexandria. He was a very good speaker and knew a lot about the Scriptures.

25 He also knew much about the Lord's Way, and he spoke about it with great excitement.

ACTS 18:24-26
CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION

Apollos in Ephesus

What he taught about Jesus was right, but all he knew was John's message about baptism. **26** Apollos started speaking bravely in the Jewish meeting place. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him,

ACTS 18:24-26

CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION

Apollos in Ephesus
they took him to their home
and helped him understand
God's Way even better.

ACTS 18:24-26
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Fellowship Groups provides...

(01) _____ opportunities.

(02) _____ opportunities.

(03) _____ opportunities.

Fellowship Groups provides...

- (01) **Discussion** opportunities.
- (02) _____ opportunities.
- (03) _____ opportunities.

Fellowship Groups provides...

- (01) Discussion opportunities.
- (02) Growth opportunities.
- (03) _____ opportunities.

Fellowship Groups provides...

- (01) Discussion opportunities.
- (02) Growth opportunities.
- (03) Developing opportunities.

In Acts 2 – The First Church set the example for Connected Relationships – But in today's society – We tend to make Excuses – As to why we can't obey Bible

01: The Example.

02: The Excuses.

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(01) I don't _____ a Fellowship Group.

(02) I've been _____ before.

(03) I'm too _____ to get involved.

(04) I'm a _____.

(05) I'm _____.

02: The EXCUSES.

(01) I don't need a Fellowship Group.

(02) I've been _____ before.

(03) I'm too _____ to get involved.

(04) I'm a _____.

(05) I'm _____.

19 But if [the whole] were all a single organ, where would the body be? **20** And now there are [certainly] many limbs and organs, but a single body. **21** And the eye is not able to say to the hand, I have no need of you, nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:19-21
AMPLIFIED BIBLE

02: The EXCUSES.

(01) I don't need a Fellowship Group.

(02) I've been burned before.

(03) I'm too _____ to get involved.

(04) I'm a _____.

(05) I'm _____.

1 Some men came from Judea and taught the Christian brothers. They said, 'You must be circumcised with the mark made on your body in the way Moses taught us. If you are not circumcised you cannot be saved.'

ACTS 15:1-2
WORLDWIDE ENGLISH

2 Paul and Barnabas did not agree with them. There was much talking about it. Then they decided that Paul and Barnabas and some of the other men should go to Jerusalem. They would ask the apostles and church leaders there about it.

ACTS 15:1-2
WORLDWIDE ENGLISH

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(02) I've been burned before.

(03) I'm too busy to get involved.

(04) I'm a _____.

(05) I'm _____.

02: The EXCUSES.

(01) I don't need a Fellowship Group.

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(03) I'm too busy to get involved.

(04) I'm a mess.

(05) I'm _____.

God Offers Comfort to All

3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. **4** He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4
NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

God Offers Comfort to All
When they are troubled, we will
be able to give them the same
comfort God has given us.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4
NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

02: The EXCUSES.

(01) I don't need a Fellowship Group.

(02) I've been burned before.

(03) I'm too busy to get involved.

(04) I'm a mess.

(05) I'm scared.

4 [Taking a place and rank by which] He Himself became as much superior to angels as the glorious Name (title) which He has inherited is different from and more excellent than theirs.

HEBREWS 1:4
AMPLIFIED BIBLE

4 A body is made up of many parts, and each of them has its own use. **5** That's how it is with us. There are many of us, but we each are part of the body of Christ, as well as part of one another.

ROMANS 12:4-5
CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION

Fellowship Groups gives you the Perfect Opportunity to Connect

01: With other _____.

02: With new _____.

03: With greater _____.

04: With more _____.

05: With close _____.

Fellowship Groups gives you the Perfect Opportunity to Connect

- 01:** With other **believers**.
- 02:** With new _____.
- 03:** With greater _____.
- 04:** With more _____.
- 05:** With close _____.

Fellowship Groups gives you the Perfect Opportunity to Connect

- 01:** With other believers.
- 02:** With new experiences.
- 03:** With greater _____.
- 04:** With more _____.
- 05:** With close _____.

Fellowship Groups gives you the Perfect Opportunity to Connect

- 01:** With other believers.
- 02:** With new experiences.
- 03:** With greater knowledge.
- 04:** With more _____.
- 05:** With close _____.

Fellowship Groups gives you the Perfect Opportunity to Connect

- 01:** With other believers.
- 02:** With new experiences.
- 03:** With greater knowledge.
- 04:** With more resources.
- 05:** With close _____.

Fellowship Groups gives you the Perfect Opportunity to Connect

- 01:** With other believers.
- 02:** With new experiences.
- 03:** With greater knowledge.
- 04:** With more resources.
- 05:** With close friends.

**when you stop making excuses
" enter into God's rest " benefits abound**

20 He brought me out to a wide open place. He rescued me (***strengthened, delivered***) because He was pleased with me (***my behavior caused me to find favor in God's eyes***).

21 The Lord rewarded me because of my righteousness (***bountifully prospered me because of right behavior***),

2 SAMUEL 22:20-33
PROPHETIC WORD

because my hands are clean (***purity of my service***). God paid me back (***refreshed my life***). **22** I have kept the ways of the Lord and I have not wickedly (***caused trouble***) turned away from my God.

2 SAMUEL 22:20-33
PROPHETIC WORD

23 All of God's judgments are in front of me and I have not turned from God's laws (***Word of God***). **24** I was innocent as far as God was concerned, I have kept myself from guilt (***wrong behavior that causes remorse***).

2 SAMUEL 22:20-33
PROPHETIC WORD

25 Therefore the Lord paid me back because of my righteousness, because god can see that I am clean (***pure heart attitude***). **26** In dealing with faithful people you are kind, with innocent warriors you are innocent (***full of integrity***).

2 SAMUEL 22:20-33
PROPHETIC WORD

27 With pure people
the Lord reveals Himself as
a bright light in dark times.
In dealing with devious people
(those who torment your life)
you are clever ***(God gives
wisdom to help us make
right Biblical choices).***

2 SAMUEL 22:20-33
PROPHETIC WORD

28 You save humble people
(*those who fast regularly*),
but you Almighty God
bring down arrogant people
(*presumptuous people*).
29 O Lord, You are my lamp.
The Lord turns my darkness
(*misery, depression*) into light.

2 SAMUEL 22:20-33
PROPHETIC WORD

30 With you I can attack a line of soldiers. With my God I can break through barricades (*leap over a wall*). **31** God's way is perfect (*complete, fulfilling*)! The promise (*God's Word*) of the Lord has proven to be true. He is a shield (*protector*)

2 SAMUEL 22:20-33
PROPHETIC WORD

to all those who take
refuge (*place hope, trust*)
in God. **32** Who is God
besides the Lord? Who is
a rock (*refuge*) other than
our God? **33** God arms me
with strength and power.

2 SAMUEL 22:20-33
PROPHETIC WORD

His perfect way sets me
free (*an overflow of
God's blessings because
of Walking in the Integrity
of God's Word*).

2 SAMUEL 22:20-33
PROPHETIC WORD