

PARADIGM

Community



**WHOLE-LIFE
COLLABORATIVE**

INTRO

We are about being a community as we work with and minister to communities.

Are we *being* a community that reflects the diversity and unity found in the body of Christ?

Are we *doing* our work in such a way that it impacts more than just individuals, but transforms whole neighborhoods?

May God keep us humble as we labor, grant us the endurance to persevere with and for one another, provide us a collaborative view of his kingdom, and protect an appreciative view of those we serve with and among.

MEAL ONE

Read: [Psalm 133:1-3](#)

Why and in what ways is the unity of God's people good and attractive?

Read: [John 17:20-23](#)

Does the unity of your community communicate that God sent Jesus as his Son?

Practice: Stop and consider, are you active in the local expression of the church as Christ's body? If not, in what ways can you begin to seek and participate in community?

Go Deeper: [Read Life Together](#)

MEAL TWO

Read: [1 Corinthians 12:12-26](#)

How does a diversity of gifts, personalities, ethnicities, and experiences demonstrate God's character, creativity and the healthy functioning of a body?

Read: [1 Corinthians 3:5-9](#)

In what ways do I understand and appreciate others' contributions to the kingdom as well as my own?

Practice: Ask someone in your community about their gifts and how they see them contributing to and participating in the Body.

Go Deeper: [Take the StrengthsFinder assessment](#)

MEAL THREE

Read: [Colossians 3:12-14](#); [Acts 6:1-7](#)

Is the quality and culture of your fellowship an environment where everyone flourishes?

Read: [Romans 15:5-6](#); [Philippians 2:1-4](#)

What would it look like for us to have the same attitude as Jesus when engaging with others and developing community?

Practice: Discuss with those in your community what it would look like for everyone to flourish.

Go Deeper: [Read Cross-Cultural Servanthood](#)

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