"It Is Not Good for Man to Be Alone

- Genesis 2:18

We were **created for connection**—first with God, then with one another, and with the world around us. In a distracted, busy, and isolating culture, God invites us into relationships that bring life, purpose, and transformation.

WEEK 5 – "Connected with our Community"

Before you begin - take some time to CONNECT & get to know each other more. When have you sensed a great connection with Community...??

Introduction: This week, Bec reminded us that **Connecting with our Community** is not optional — it's central to our calling as followers of Jesus. Just as the first disciples were sent to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8), **we too** are called to love and serve those not just in our own circles.

We have been joined 'into the vine' through Jesus, and we are called to create welcoming spaces, embracing sacrifice and personal discomfort, to support those around us, as we represent Jesus to a world that desperately needs Him.

Read Together: 1 Corinthians 13:3-7 Acts 2:42-47 and Acts 1:8

What stands out to you from these passages or from what we heard on Sunday?

Discussion Questions: If you are able, **watch** this 5 min video first >>

1. Thinking of the circles of influence in your own life (family, friends, neighbours, co-workers, acquaintances), where do you feel God is nudging you to connect more intentionally?



- 2. What do you notice about **the needs** or heart of our community? How could we as individuals or as a church **practically serve & connect** with our local area, if time and volunteers weren't any issue?
- 3. What **personal sacrifices** (time, money, comfort, convenience) might God be asking you to make, to better love our community? What holds you back?
- Jesus says in Matthew 5:16, to "let your light shine" before others. How might we be tempted to NOT do that and how can we **let it shine** more brightly?
- 5. What's **one thing you can do** this week to bless your community?

Additional Scriptures: Read & Discuss, Matthew 5:13-16, Jeremiah 29:7, Matthew 22:4