

BEYOND SUNDAY

10.6.24

G: Grow — Mark Tumney

1. Loneliness is such a prevalent issue in today's society, despite how connected we are through technology. Have you ever experienced a season of loneliness?
2. Genesis 2:18 says, "*It is not good for man to be alone.*" How does this verse speak to more than just marriage? What does it say about our need for community, and how does that reflect God's design?
3. God exists in a perfect, loving community as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Since we are made in God's image (Genesis 1:27), what does this tell us about our need for relationships with others?
4. Mark described the root of sin as autonomy. How have you seen the desire for independence or isolation hinder relationships in your life, either with God or others?

5. The sermon mentioned that Jesus trained His disciples in community, not as individuals. What are the benefits of being disciplined in a group setting rather than going at it alone? The early church also met regularly in smaller groups to share life, study, and fellowship. Why do you think smaller, more intimate groups are essential for spiritual growth?

6. In what ways does sin not only separate us from God but also from each other? Can you think of examples in your life where sin or hurt has led to isolation?

7. Romans 12:5 says, "*In Christ we though many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.*" How do you feel about the idea that, as Christians, we belong to one another in the body of Christ?

8. What are some practical ways we can commit to growing together as a community?

9. Mark emphasized that to follow Christ is to repent of our autonomy, especially in relationships. What steps can we take to open ourselves up to deeper community, even when it feels uncomfortable or risky?

10. Have you been feeling lonely personally? How can we as a group help one another to become ever more the community God intended us to be?