



Our community is a very powerful tool in our spiritual formation. It will inevitably make us more or less like Jesus. On Sunday, Teller talked about how we become the average of the people we spend the most time with. Is our community making us more like Jesus, spurring us on to love and good deeds? Or do we become a different person when we are with them, acting one way on Sunday and another with our friends or at work? Let's help each other find ways to engage with our community in a way that shapes us to look more and more like Jesus.

1. Teller shared a story of a time he did something he never would have done if not for his community. Has something like this happened to you? Share about a decision, good or bad, that you made because you were influenced by the people you spent time with.
2. The Framingham Heart study suggests that many aspects of our lives are directly affected by the people we spend time with (health, finances, spirituality, etc.). What area of your life is most influenced by your friends, family, coworkers, or others?
3. **Read Proverbs 18:1** in a few translations, if possible. What does this verse suggest about our relationship with community and isolation?
4. On Sunday, we talked about building up a worldview marked by love. How would you describe your worldview (the filter through which you interpret life, people, and events) right now?
5. The right friends elevate our wisdom. **Read Proverbs 19:20, 27**. What kind of advice and instruction do you get from your current community? What type of advice and instruction do you listen to?
6. **Read Hebrews 10:24-25**. If you are talking about this at small group, chances are you are currently "meeting together." Do you treat this as a spiritual discipline? How do you prioritize meeting together in spiritual community? How does life change when this discipline is neglected?
7. We are formed by our community, and we form others in our communities. What relationships do you need to tend to, either to form or be formed to look more like Jesus? Is anyone missing from your small group who needs to be invited?