

Eco-System of Maturity – 3

“Community”

“What are the environments that interconnect and interact one with another that make up an eco-system conducive for spiritual formation?”

[Community Environment]

- much of our spiritual formation occurs here
- relationships are deepened and forged in this environment

Proverbs 27:17...iron sharpens iron...

Worship Environment we learn of God’s love, grace, mercy...

Community Environment we walk and work out these eternal truths

Worship – “faith comes by hearing...”

Community – “faith in action”

Worship – God’s love for us and us for Him enjoyed

Community – Love for one another

“By this all men will know you’re MY disciples.” (John 13:35)

“Mourn with those who mourn and rejoice with those who rejoice.” (Romans 12:15 ref)

[Life Groups] Love nurtured and developed here

“small groups” (different kinds)

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| • Bible Studies | “centered in life with God and one another” |
| • Book Studies | interest groups |
| • Prayer Groups | Life happens in community not isolation or in a vacuum |

Acts 2: 40 – 47 (ref)

Acts 2:42 (KJ)

- Fellowship (GK) KOINONIA
- Partnership
- Social Intimacy
- “Sharing together in the gift of life”
- “Sharing life together”

Philemon 4-6 (KJV)

Verse 6...communication of thy faith

Communication = (GK) KOINONIA

We need to share the good in us in Christ

Share with others what Jesus is doing in our lives

Draw from one another's experiences

Pray one for another

EXTRA NOTES

Margaret Atkinson (36 years ago)