



Sermon-based Guide for Reflection and Discussion

**Week of
September 12**

Scripture: Genesis 2:18, Romans 12:15, Hebrews 2:10-13

Sermon Title: *“It Is Not Good to be Alone”*

Key Points:

God made us to be in community. God created us in his image and God lives in community; the Trinity by its nature is communal (Jesus saying, “I and the Father are one... It is better for me to leave so that the Holy Spirit may come). But Genesis 2 also tells us that God intends for our community to go beyond our relationship to God to live into relationships with each other.

The union of Adam and Eve represents marriage as a gift from God, but it also represents the broader communities that God gives – family, yes, but broader too. We are to belong to each other, to nurture and care for each other. This involves transparency and an active choice to be in community – trusting God to sustain and strengthen the communities to which he has called us.

Quote by Melissa Yeager in an article published in Arizona Central: *Why 'Ted Lasso' Makes Me Homesick for Kansas City ... I remember one German describing Heimat to me: It is not necessarily your hometown but "the place where your heart feels like it is at home." In Nora Krug's graphic novel examining her family history during the Nazi regime, the book's title "Heimat" was translated in English as "belonging."*

Questions:

1. What is a group you have belonged to that has meant a lot to you? Why?
2. Why do you think community is important to God?
Why do you think God sees the need of it for us?
3. What are the risks of being in community?
What are the rewards?