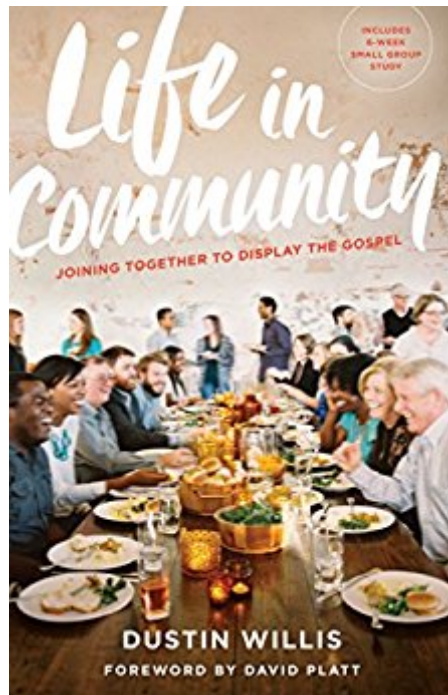




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Life In Community: Joining Together To Display The Gospel



Synopsis

WHAT MAKES A COMMUNITY EXTRAORDINARY? When people live in community moved by the gospel and marked by the Spirit, great things happen. They commit to one another. They grieve together, sing together, eat, pray, and play together. They love, serve, honor, encourage, and provide for each other gladly. And they live on mission together. Hearts are healed, walls come down, and outsiders come in. No competition. No pretense. No vain conceit. Just full hearts breaking bread and giving freely. It is nothing short of amazing. Most of us live in a shadow of what God intended for us. Life in Community calls us into the light. Reclaiming Scripture's stunning vision of gospel-centered community, it inspires us to live in love unbounded. Read it, live it, and join the movement: Help unleash the power of extraordinary community. 6-Week group study included.

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Customer Reviews

Dustin hits a home run with Life in Community. Without catch phrases like "doing life together" that

are overly used in Christian circles, Dustin presents for the reader a clear call for community within the context of mission. *Life in Community* lays a compelling foundation for the theological reasons why the Christian life without community is an enemy to the gospel while consistently showing practical ways to live in community. The greatest contribution to the church has to be Chapter 5: No Masks Allowed. In this chapter, Dustin urges the reader to the value of coming clean in community. He shows how the gospel frees us to actually live in community not a theater of performers. He writes, "The depth believers experience with one another is linked directly to their level of honesty." This is a must read for every pastor, small group leader or ministry leader. In fact, the body of Christ needs to read this book.

"*Life in Community*" gives us a picture of the kind of church that each of our home churches needs to be today. This book is based on the scriptures yet provides illustrations and application for a Christ filled community that can easily be seen and felt right at home. It takes the call of the Great Commission and connects it with the simpleness of everyday community that we all live in. A community that is not what we want, desire, or for our good but for the good of others. This book reminds us of the global mission of God and relates it to the local bodies of Christ (churches) throughout our communities. This book is a "must" read for Churches, Small Groups, Men's Bible Studies, Women's Bible studies, Youth Groups or any group seeking to carry out the "Great Commission" right where they live. What a greater legacy to leave than an eternal impact in our homes and right where you live each day? Thank you to the author for allowing God to speak through you and deliver this simple gospel message! #LifeinCommunity

If the kingdom of God is anything, it is a kingdom of right relationships. If you want help in trying to figure out to deepen relationships and foster right relationships, *Life in Community* will help you get there. In *Life in Community*, Dustin Willis asserts, "The most persuasive argument for the Christian faith is the Christian community." But community is hard! And as Christians, Willis points out, we busy ourselves with almost everything, to get out of engaging in life in community. *Life in Community* addresses the distractions we (purposefully or inadvertently) allow to keep us from community. Willis says, "A sure sign of distance from Jesus Himself." *Life in Community* always presents practical ways to engage in community and become the kind of community that does what God intends, which is display the gospel.

This book is great in several ways, but most notably it effortlessly ties together theory and

application in regards to living our lives together for the glory of God. Rather than complain about the state of culture, Willis actually shows Christians how to do something about it by living together in gospel-centered communities. If just a small percentage of the Church lived this way, the state of American Christianity would be drastically different. I pray that this book makes its way into small groups all over the country. It could very well be a game changer.

It's not complicated! We are a communal people by God's design and we all desire community. When community is lived out according to God's design it brings fulfillment and life has a purpose. Life in Community shows how to do that bringing focus on living with a purpose according to biblical patterns. A highly recommended read for you and your small group or life group. Buy a dozen or a case and lead your group in discussing this book. It will change your perspective on intentional living. Amazing resource!

This book has opened my eyes to so much of what the church, including myself, has been lacking. If you hunger to truly get down to the nitty gritty of what the church is called to do, then this book will change your life. If we all took the necessary steps to abide by this book, the world would be a much better place. I am challenged to rethink and remold my daily life. It starts now.

Dustin nails what it means to be a church, and a community, on mission! Great, practical examples and encouragement for people seeking transformational change in their church, community, and home.

Really great book. Filled with Biblical truths and challenging. A must read for small group leaders!

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