

MAIN POINT

Living in the time of a global pandemic has taught us many things, including it's not good for us to be alone, we are too busy, and we are not in control.

INTRODUCTION

What are some important lessons you have learned over the past six months?

What has been good about this forced time of slowing and reflection? What has been hard?

None of us would have asked for the current global pandemic or the things that have come with it. Yet, most of us can recognize that there are important things we have learned during this time. Today, we are going to consider three important lessons to keep with us from this time: it's not good for us to be alone, we are too busy, and we are not in control.

DISCUSSION

> **READ GENESIS 2:18; HEBREWS 10:24-25; MATTHEW 6:33; JAMES 4:14; HEBREWS 9:27; MATTHEW 6:27; PHILIPPIANS 1:21.**

What do Genesis 2:18 and Hebrews 10:24-25 tell us about God's design for community and the importance of being together as a church?

How have you experienced the reality that is not good for a person to be alone over the past six months?

How have you been stirred up to love and good works by others at Community Life in recent months, even when we were unable to gather together physically?

Where has the Lord revealed that you have been too busy through this slowed down season?

How might you seek to maintain rhythms of reflection and purposeful slowing for the future?

Thinking about Matthew 6:33, how does perpetual busyness lead us to seek things outside of the kingdom of God?

How have you been reminded in recent months that you are not in control?

How does it challenge you to remember that you are not in control? How does it comfort you as a follower of Jesus?

How has the uncertainty of the last several months reminded you of the urgency of living for Christ and sharing with others about Him?

Who has God brought to mind as someone you need to share the gospel with? How will you respond?

APPLICATION

Which of these lessons stands out to you most? How is God calling you to take steps of obedience in response to that reality this week?