

# MATURITY IN COMMUNITY

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**From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.**

— Ephesians 4:16 (NIV)



**EVERY NATION**  
SINGAPORE

## HOOK

 Start the conversation by saying...

“It takes a village to raise a child.” — African proverb

## ENGAGE

 Go deeper with this...

What is one warm childhood memory you have of a group of friends or community?

## LINK

 Connect to God’s truth by sharing...

- Christian maturity, most of the time, happens with a community.
- Our community is called the body of Christ, or the church.
- Maturity in community happens when we build one another up in love and deed.
- God gave us gifts, talents, and skills. They are all from God, but also for God.
- Gifts are manifestations of God’s grace. For example, God gives someone the grace to teach, so this person finds teaching enjoyable and fulfilling.
- Because of the unique gifts God has given each of us, we can serve God, serve the church, and build one another up in love as we mature in Christ.

## PAUSE



Pick a question and pray together...

### **Discuss Together** (*pick one*)

- What are some examples of gifts, talents, and skills you noticed in yourself? In others?
- How has your community helped you grow?

### **Pray Together** (*pick one*)

- Pray that you will grow in stewarding the gifts God has given you.
- Pray that the local church you're part of builds itself up in love in spite of differences and disagreements.

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**Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.**

— 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)