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### **Discussion Guide**

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2. What are some factors that you think contribute to this generation's "crisis of community?" How might the Church's shared identity and mission offer a compelling alternative to a generation that lacks a sense of community?
3. Kenneth Boa writes, "True community in Christ is not created by attempts to make it happen; instead, it is a by-product of others-centeredness, and this in turn is a by-product of finding our lives by losing them for Jesus' sake (Matt 16:25)." Do you agree with Boa's statement? How do you think Christian community can be strengthened?
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