

Summer Study

2024 – Session Six

TOGETHER: MOVING *FROM ISOLATION TO COMMUNITY*

PREVIOUS SESSION REVIEW

MOVING FROM ISOLATION TO COMMUNITY

CALL TO ACTION



**DID YOU DO YOUR
HOMEWORK?**

LAST WEEK – MY TAKEAWAYS

SUFFICIENT GRACE

POWER IN
WEAKNESS

HUMILITY

ARE YOU SAFE?

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WHOEVER ISOLATES

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SEEKS HIS OWN DESIRE

- Taking over your throne
- Doing what you want
- Serving the flesh
- Resisting God's will
- Casting off restraint

BREAKS AGAINST JUDGMENT

- The fool lacks judgement
- Resist doing the right thing
- Pursue the wrong path
- Seek desire regardless of consequences with ruthless pursuit
- No regard for truth / Ignores reality

WHAT IS ISOLATION

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Isolation is the state we find ourselves where we live lives **separated** and **divided** from **others and God** because of sinful behavior, sin-based patterns, and pride.

Isolation causes **loneliness** and is characterized by a sense we are alone, **separated** and **unable to connect with God or others**.

In isolation we are threatened and in competition with others and **we believe we can only sustain and improve our lives by our own efforts**.

We relentlessly strive to remove this tension by our own self righteousness. We believe the lie that I'm not that bad.



**“SIN DEMANDS TO HAVE A
MAN BY HIMSELF”**

**“HE WHO IS ALONE WITH
HIS SIN IS UTTERLY
ALONE”**

Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

WHY DO WE ISOLATE?

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We want to be God / Exalting ourselves (Is 14:13)

We want to hide from the face of God and others (Ge 3:9)

We weaponize isolation to punish others or protect ourselves (Ro 12:19)

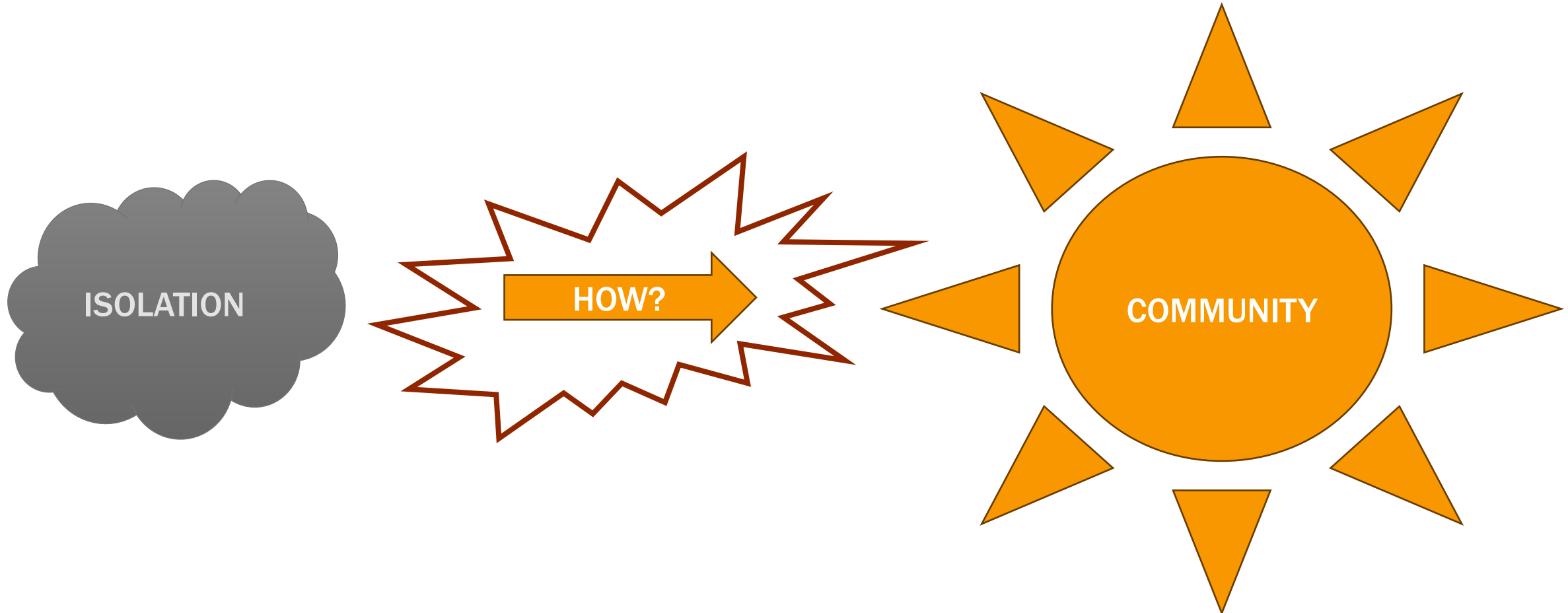
We are tempted and give place to the enemy (Ep 4:27)

THREE QUESTIONS

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1. Do you isolate?
2. Do you isolate to hide your struggles, temptations, sins, imperfections or shame?
3. Are you aware of your propensity to isolate?

ISOLATION TO COMMUNITY

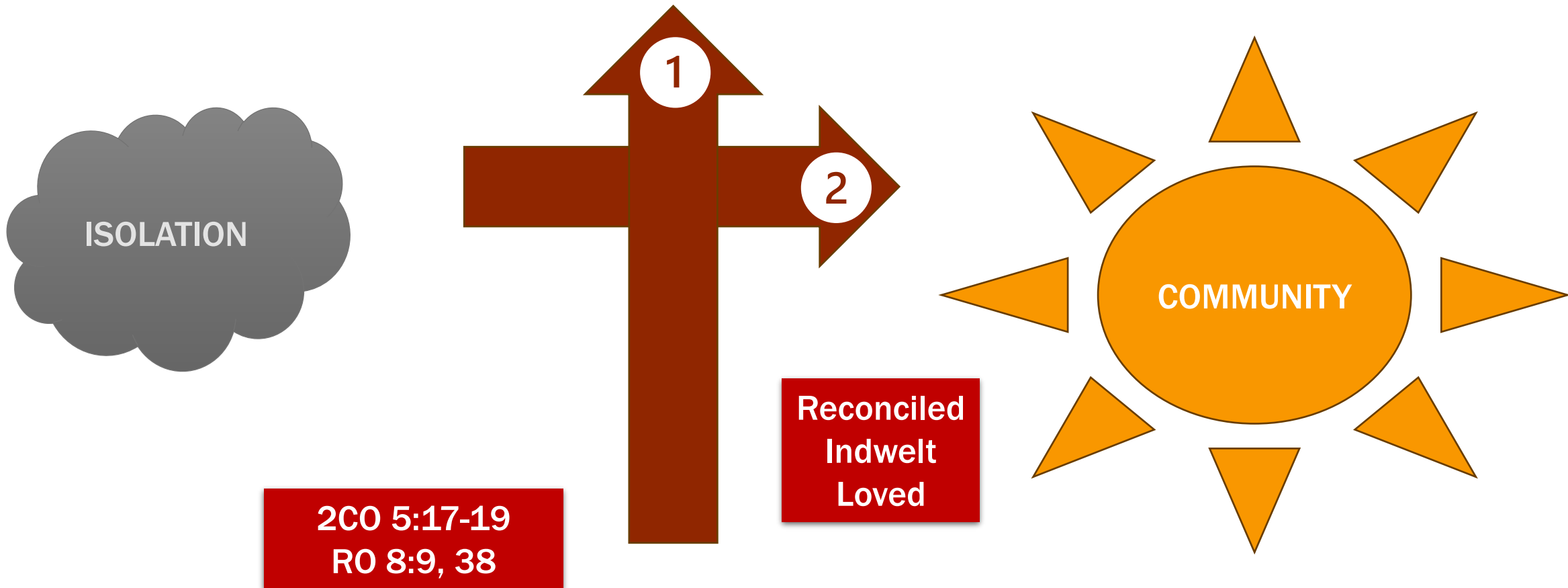


MOVING INTO COMMUNITY

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Romans 15: 5-7

ISOLATION TO COMMUNITY



WELCOMING OTHERS

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1. We walk as image bearers of Jesus who showed us the Father
2. We love the imperfect
3. We welcome the prodigal
4. We invite the outcast
5. We forgive the sinner

YOU ARE NOW SAFE



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Tim Keller

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Live like you have been reconciled to God through Christ

Vertical Repair (2Co 5:19)

Receive others as you have been received...in humility

Horizontal Love (Ro 15:7)

CALL TO ACTION

- God is **TOGETHER** calling us out of Isolation into community
- Be Reconciled | Abide Vertically
- Minister Reconciliation | Connect Horizontally
- Make Disciples | Extend Outwardly



**Live life
TOGETHER**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why do you isolate?
- Why do you hide your struggles, temptations, failures, and sins?
- What keeps you from abiding - walking in the vertical repair?
- What new ways can you horizontally connect?
- What is your biggest take-away from the summer study?