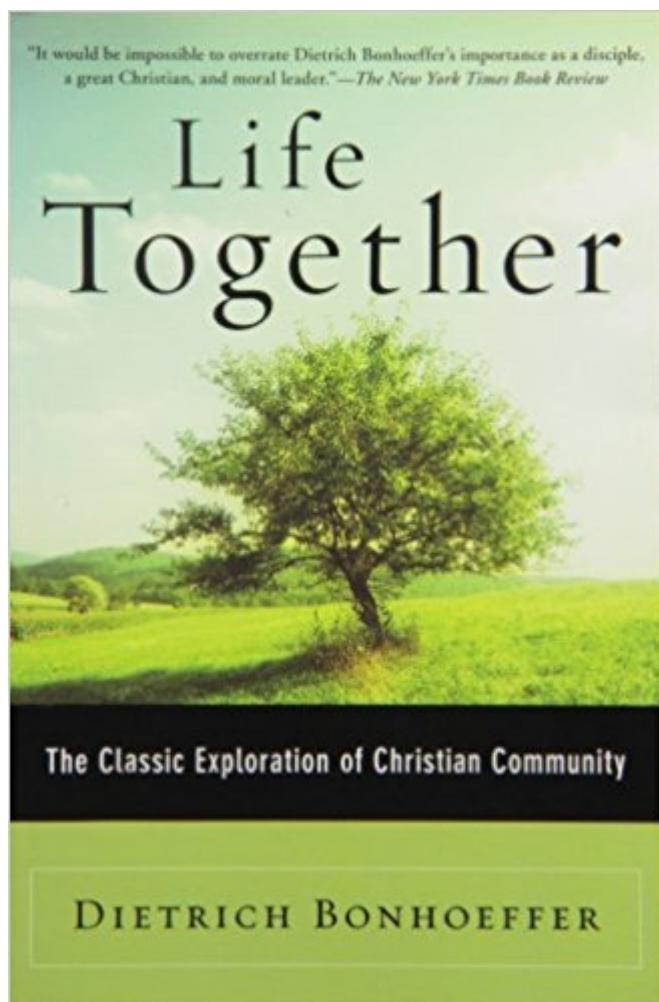


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# Life Together: The Classic Exploration Of Christian In Community



## **Synopsis**

In Life Together, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, renowned Christian minister, professor, and author of The Cost of Discipleship recounts his unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years in Germany. Giving practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups, Life Together is bread for all who are hungry for the real life of Christian fellowship.

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"When I think of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, some words Gorky used of Tolstoy come into my mind--'Look what a wonderful man is living on the earth.'" -- Malcolm Muggeridge, author of Jesus

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Dietrich Bonhoeffer had such a hard life. But he never let it get him down. Even the Nazi camp guards had respect for him. His love of people and his faith kept him going in a living hell on earth. God Bless him!!

Such a moving, motivational and inspirational book. A quick read that will leave you wanting to read it again. There are so many nuggets of information on what church in the modern era should look like. But more importantly, this book helps one examine their life, the changes they need to make, refocuses their heart on God and reminds them of the beauty and majesty of God and the amazing

work of Christ. It shows the believer how to live in the Spirit for God.

I am enjoying the class being taught for this book. The young lady who is teaching is amazing as she explains each chapter which has opened my eyes to what God wants from me.

Bonhoeffer's short but concise description of how Christians live and grow together in faith and service is indeed a classic. While the culture and society today is different than when Bonhoeffer wrote, the basics for Christian life together have remained consistent since the time when Jesus schooled the disciples in a similar routine. One needs to understand the time and context for Bonhoeffer's writing and look beyond the non-inclusive gender language. Applicable for personal, home, and congregational life together.

*Life Together* (1954) by Dietrich Bonhoeffer is a short, densely packed volume of what life and Christian community should look like. This book was published in 1954, nine years after Bonhoeffer was killed by the Nazi regime. In it, however, our series of teachings on living with one another as Christians. He proclaims "Christian community is like the Christian sanctification. It is a gift of God which we cannot claim." One of the things that I really appreciated about this book was how he walks through the rhythms of the day. There's much to aspire to. He calls the Christian to gather in worship in the early morning for hymns, the reading of the word, and prayer. He also talks in a fairly detailed fashion about the importance of the Lord's supper, A sacrament too often ignored in many evangelical churches. I particularly benefited from his chapters on silence and solitude and confession and communion. It seems to me that Bonhoeffer has much to teach us modern-day evangelicals about what the Christian life can or should look like. I would highly recommend this book.

It's unbelievable to read this book and realize that it was written at a completely different time - Bonhoeffer's words are truly timeless and the struggles Christians face in terms of community have persisted up until today. His writing does a great job of challenging your perception of what Christianity community is supposed to look like and what your role is supposed to be. Highly recommend it for a book club since it's a little dense to unpack on your own. I benefited from having time to discuss and extrapolate on points he raised (sometimes in rapid succession).

This could be a little bit of a difficult read, but I got the Audio version and do enjoy listening to it.

There is a LOT packed into every line. Our church has been reading the book together and I can see why. It really does explain why community is important in the Christian life. Bonhoeffer balances Christian community with that of human community which is not for God, but for the sake of man. His teaching put Christ squarely in the center for the Christian.

Bonhoeffer definitely made me reconsider my views upon community and relationships in this work. So often we come to others for our own selfish reasons, although usually unbeknownst to us. There are portions to which you may want to place a characterization upon someone else saying, "Such and such is just like that", but Bonhoeffer has an uncanny way of bringing the spotlight back to the reader without even starting. Then the reader sees himself in that light, and the conviction and admonition becomes clear. At times Bonhoeffer can be wordy and dwell upon something apparently too long, but for the Truth expressed overall and the broadness of his mind, Bonhoeffer's meandering ways can be forgiven. In the end, if you want a book that will challenge your view of community and that will bid you to see all through Christ, give it read.

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