- "Created for Community"
  3/08/15-REACH Worship Center-Pastor Alfred
- 1. GOD exists in authentic community... the Trinity is the first small group!
  - **GEN. 1:26** <u>"us" and "our"</u> are words that define both the Trinity and us. We are created in His image to live in authentic community with each other.
- <u>2. Human beings</u> are created for authentic <u>community</u>. BECAUSE WE ARE MADE IN HIS IMAGE.. we cannot escape the minimum requirement each person has when they walk in the door of a church: we must find community!
  - **GEN. 2:18-25** Man is <u>alone</u>, and it is not good. So God forms another human, and humanity is forever purposed for relationship.
- <u>3. Jesus</u> took part in authentic community. When Jesus wanted to <u>change</u> the world he started a small group. The disciples lived with Jesus and each other in authentic community. So...not only will authentic community connect us to each other, but it will also connect all of us to Jesus!
  - Mark 3:14- Jesus invests in a few so that "they might be with him."
  - **JOHN 17: 11, 22-**Jesus asks his Father "that <u>they</u> may be one as <u>we</u> are one". Now the Trinity becomes a model for life in the Kingdom. Jesus then makes the same request "for all those who will believe". (Us!)