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# Four Ways the Bible Makes Sense:
# Finding Community Amidst Diversity

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1. **God's Design:** Exodus 5:22–6:8
   - Salvation
   - Community
   - Abundant Life
   - Relationship with God

Genesis 2-3

Isaiah 5:1-8

Proverbs

John's Gospel

Acts

2. **Metaphor:** Community as a way of understanding the Bible
   - The Bible arose from a community of people
   - The Bible calls a community into existence

3. **Method**
   - Behind the text: explore the history and culture
   - Within the text:
     - Read carefully, find what's there
     - Type of literature: poetry, story, law, wisdom, etc.
   - In front of the text: be aware of how you as a reader influence the interpretation of the text

4. **Goals**
   - 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NRSV)
     16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for <u>teaching</u>, for <u>reproof</u>, for <u>correction</u>, and for <u>training</u> in righteousness,
     17 so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, <u>equipped for every good work</u>.
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