

better together ~ Part 1

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

- YOU’LL NEVER DO ALL GOD WANTS YOU TO DO WITHOUT THE _____ PEOPLE AROUND YOU.

One day Jonathan son of Saul said to the young man bearing his armor, “Come, let’s go over to the Philistine outpost on the other side.” But he did not tell his father. 1 Samuel 14:1

WE ALL NEED THE RIGHT PEOPLE TO HELP US:

1. NAVIGATE _____ AND _____.

⁴ On each side of the pass that Jonathan intended to cross to reach the Philistine outpost was a cliff; one was called Bozez, and the other Seneh. 1 Samuel 14:4

2. OVERCOME WAVERING _____.

⁶ Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, “Come, let’s go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised fellows. Perhaps the Lord will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few.” 1 Samuel 14:6

THE RIGHT PEOPLE:

3. ARE WITH YOU _____ AND _____.

⁷ “Do all that you have in mind,” his armor-bearer said. “Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul.” 1 Samuel 14:7

For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them. Matthew 18:20 NLT

Journey Group Discussion

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. If you’re leading a group through this guide, don’t feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

- Who is a friend that you would describe as being with you heart and soul? What does that friendship mean to you?

Read 1 Samuel 14:1-23.

In this passage, the armor-bearer helps Jonathan navigate obstacles and overcome his wavering faith.

- How would you evaluate the quality of relationships in your life? Who are some of the people that are with you heart and soul like the armor-bearer was for Jonathan?
- In what ways have your friends helped you navigate obstacles and temptations?
- What can you do to become a stronger and more supportive influence in all of your relationships?
- Describe a time when your faith was wavering. How did others help you strengthen your faith?
- How has having the right people in your life helped you to accomplish the things that God has asked you to do?
- What things keep you from developing stronger relationships with others? How can you remove these barriers?
- What’s God calling you to do that you need the help of others to accomplish?
- How have you benefitted from being part of a small group? What does your group mean to you?
- What steps do you need to take to start building relationships with the right people who will be with you heart and soul?