

better together ~ Part 2

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

"There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother. There was no end to his toil, yet his eyes were not content with his wealth." Ecclesiastes 4:8

Reasons why people walk alone

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Where Everybody Knows Your Name

"...Since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others." Romans 12:5 NLT

1. _____ ~ _____
• I need people who _____

"For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him?" 1 Corinthians 2:11

2. _____ ~ _____
• I need people who _____

"We refuse to wear masks and play games.... Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open..." 2 Corinthians 4:2 MSG

"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." James 5:16

3. _____ ~ _____
• I need people who _____

"Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful." Proverbs 27:6 NKJV

4. _____ ~ _____
• I need people who _____

"As each part does its work, it helps the other parts grow, so Christ's whole body is healthy and growing and full of love." Eph. 4:16 NLT

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. Prov 27:17

"A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." Proverbs 18:24

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.

- What's one of the most welcoming places you've ever visited? What about this place and its people were so welcoming to you?

Read Matthew 18:20, Ecclesiastes 4:8-12, and Romans 12:4-5.

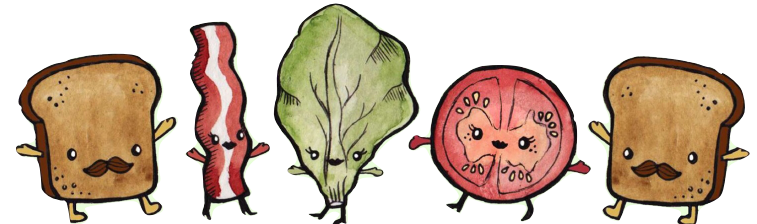
These verses explain the importance of having strong relationships with others.

- If you tried to explain life in one word, would you pick the word relationships? Why or why not?
- If the quality of your life is measured by the strength of your relationships, how does yours measure up?
- Share about the loneliest time of your life. How alone do you feel now?
- What excuse kept you from getting into a group? How has your group helped you get rid of those excuses?

Read 1 Corinthians 2:11, 2 Corinthians 4:2, James 5:16, Proverbs 27:6, Ephesians 4:16, and Proverbs 18:24.

These verses describe the four aspects of a person's life.

- In what ways do you and your group need to address the four aspects of a person's life? (Arena, Mask, Blind Spots, Potential)
- What's your next step to redefine your relationships?
- What role do you need God to play in helping you strengthen your closest relationships?
- What are you not doing that you should be doing because you let your busy schedule dictate your life?



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