

Text: Genesis 2:18; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Mark 6:7-13



Base Units:

- Groups of 2-4
- Accountable encouragement
- Growth in the knowledge of God and Scripture (theological/relational)
 - Are you getting to know Jesus better? How? What are you learning?
- Regular Christian living check-in (moral/relational)
 - Are you growing as a living demonstration of Christ to the world? How?
- Individual and group apostolic action (apostolic/relational)
 - What actions are you taking to bring God to people and to bring people to God?

A Survey of Biblical Friendships

We are Better Together

- “Two are better than one”

- True success comes through _____.

- Companionship is vital when facing _____.

- _____ in close relationships.

Deepening Our Friendships with Three Questions

- Ask the Holy Spirit to _____.

- Introduce the questions.

Life Enrichment

What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- What is a job that you tackled by yourself that you should have asked someone to help you do?
- Why do you think so many Americans live in social isolation?
- How have American values and culture contributed to the epidemic of isolation?
- Why do so many American Christians live isolated from close Christian friendships?
- Of the biblical duos and trios mentioned in the message, which one(s) speak to you? Why?
- What are the benefits of groups of two or three?
- Why is such an attitude critical in the Christian community?
- What are some ways we might grow more *interdependent*?
- How do you think a group of two or three might help you grow in your relationship with God and in your witness to His redemption?

For Personal Reflection

- Who are your closest Christian friends?
- What are some ways you might encourage the friendship to go deeper?
- What is the Holy Spirit leading you to do to deepen those relationships?