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STRENGTHEN WHAT MATTERS MOST



Life Group Questions: The Power of Relationships

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Read

Genesis 2:18, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Reflect

According to studies, loneliness can actually be deadly. We were created to live in relationship with other people. That means that when we isolate ourselves we are violating one of the ways in which God himself made us. Do you see friendship as a vital part of your life? How has God wired you to interact with others when it comes to making friends; do you prefer to have many friends, or just a few close friends?

Pastor Greg provided three questions that will help us strengthen our relational core:

1. Why are friendships so important?
 - a. Why do you think that God created us to need relationships?
 - b. Reflect on your life: What relationships have mattered most in your life? Who has God used to shape your life?
2. What kind of friends do I need?
 - a. Pastor Greg gave four types of friends that we need: Partners, Lifters, Encouragers, and Defenders.
 - b. Can you think of examples of each one of those types in your life, either now or in the past? Is there one type that you tend to gravitate towards more than the others?
3. What is the secret sauce of effective friendships?
 - a. The secret sauce of friendship is whatever holds it together. It can be a common cause, a common season of life, a commitment, etc. Whatever it is, this third thing becomes a powerful unifier.
 - b. What holds your most important relationships together? Are there any friendships in your life that need this unifier? What could make your friendships stronger this year?

What was your biggest take-away from the weekend message?

Respond

- What do you feel like God is asking you to do in response to the weekend message? What is your next step?
- How can your Small Group support you and hold you accountable in this?