

"Better Together" Pastor Matt Mylin September 8-9, 2019

The quality of our life is determined by the quality of our relationships.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Myth: I can succeed on my own.

1. Better together means we can help one another <u>succeed</u>.

Luke 6:38-40

Myth: If I fall, I can help myself get back up.

2. Better together means we can <u>extend</u> a <u>hand</u> to one another.

Luke 6:37

Myth: I can keep myself warm with my own snuggie.

3. Better together means we can <u>"warm"</u> one another.

Luke 6:41-42

Myth: I can defend myself.

4. Better together means we can protect one another.

Luke 22:19-21

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Celebrate and Care:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

Review:

Big Idea:

We are created to grow in our relationship with God through connected relationships with others. The quality of our life is determined by the quality of our relationships.

Open Up:

Where do you most love to gather with others? (sporting events, movies, coffee shops...)

Discuss:

Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- ▶ When have you experienced a "Better Together" moment?
- ▶ Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12.
 - Traditionally this passage has been referred to regarding marriage, how could it be more?
 - Is the third strand reference about God alone, or could it mean "strength in numbers"?
- ► How are circles just as important as rows? (How is application just as important as information?)
- ▶ Which of the 4 myths would you most likely mistake for a truth?

Engage:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

Who do you do life with?

Who are you investing in and who is investing in you?

Pray:

Close in prayer for our group sign-ups for this fall season.