

Big Idea

God created us with a need for relationships. Community is God's answer for; loneliness, fatigue, defeat and despair. Here are 5 relationships we need in our life:

- **I need people who will walk with me.**
 - It's safer to be in community than alone.
 - It's supportive. Fulfilling your purpose can't happen alone, you need others.
 - It's smarter. We make better decisions when we make them together.
- **I need people who will work with me.** There's a purpose God has for you to do, and it will take work, but you need others to help you accomplish it. It can't be done alone.
- **I need people who will fight for me.** We need people who have our back, and we need to do the same for others.
- **I need people who are going to cry with me.** Bad days are inevitable, Jesus says "on this Earth you will have trouble..." Having the right people around you will help you navigate through the hard days.
- **I need someone who's going to partner with me.** We need each other to accomplish the vision God has given us.

Scripture

- Wisdom is supreme, therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. Prov. 4:7
- Let's not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:25
- God creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing. Ephesians 2:10
- If one person falls, another can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Ecclesiastes 4:10

Discussion Questions

- Was there anything from the message that stood out to you? Surprised or confused you?
- Do you have people in your life who "have your back"? Who have you told "I've got your back"?
- How have you grown/built spiritual family, recently or in the past?
- Was there a time when your spiritual family has helped you make a wise decision? Share.
- Have someone talk about a time when community made an impact in their life.

Prayer Focus

Thank you, Father, for spiritual family, I don't want to do life alone. Help me grow and build godly relationships. I believe you created me with purpose, to join you in the the good work you have prepared for me. Help me accomplish everything you want me to do, with others, all for your glory.

Next Steps

Create an environment to spend time with God by finding a quiet place to sing and pray out loud. Ask the God to teach you from the what you read in the Bible.

Leader Tip

Encourage transparency in your group. Share how much spiritual family has meant to you. What is God saying to you in this message?