

Chasing Shades

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Key Things You Heard

- You will never grow to your fullest potential in Jesus, or live the full life that God desires for you, outside of community.
- The enemies of loneliness. Envy; Laziness; Greed; Pity
- The benefits of community. Synergy; Care; Community; Strength

Pray

Heavenly Father, you have said in the Scripture that we are not to give up meeting together. Community is so important in the life of the believer. Help us learn to live in unity for our good and for the good of those we fellowship with. In Jesus' name, amen.

Tweetable Moments

"Cross the river in a crowd, and the crocodile won't eat you." African Proverb.

"Community provides care. You are there for them, and they are there for you."

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Questions for Conversation

Icebreaker: Tell us a swimming pool story from your younger days.

- Read **Ecclesiastes 4:1-3**. Compare Solomon’s comment on life then to life today. What are the similarities? What are the differences? Tell about a time when you saw the tears of the oppressed and that you made a difference. Tell about a time when you weren’t the comforter.
- Clayton said, “You will never grow to your fullest potential in Jesus, or live the full life that God desires for you, outside of community.” Do you agree or disagree? Why? Give an example of a time when the community you are in made a difference in your life.
- Read **Ecclesiastes 4:4**. How does all toil and achievement spring from one person’s envy of another? Do you think this is true regardless of where you live in the world? Why is it so difficult for us to be content?
- Read **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**. Does your Life Group reflect these passages? Why or why not? In what areas can you be better in caring for one another? Is there one other person you can reach out to and add to your Life Group? Why or why not?

Now Go Do It (resources and next steps)

Challenge: Read Hebrews 10:19-25. There are five things in these verses that we are told to do. Three of them begin with “let us.” What are the five things, and how can these five things be realized in your Life Group? What role does the individual play in these five things?