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You Belong Here
-Living a Connected Life-



USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

[Hebrews 10:24-25]

*Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.
And let us not neglect our meeting together as a community, as some people do,*

but encourage one another, and all the more as the day of His return is drawing near.

[Hebrews 3:12]

See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.

[Hebrews 3:13]

But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

[Ecclesiastes 10:10]

If the ax is dull, And one does not sharpen the edge, Then he must use more strength

[Proverbs 27:17]

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

1. When we commit to connected living we are sharpened
2. When we commit to connected living we are encouraged

Words of Paul :

- *"Command and teach these things. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity"*
- *"I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given you a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind"*
- *"Timothy, my dear son, be strong in the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus"*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever done something great that would have never happened had it not been for a "team" or a group of people who helped you attain it?
2. Have you ever been convicted of something that motivated you to make a commitment but it never seemed to take hold? Why are these two things, without connection, not enough to instill lasting change in your life?
3. Have you ever made a poor decision in isolation? Why is wise counsel so important?
4. What areas of your life are dull? Who are the people who can bring the appropriate friction and help you sharpen your life and gifts?
5. Share about a time when someone came along side you and encouraged you to raise the bar in different areas of your life. How does it feel when someone speaks over you things that seem too good to be true? Who can you encourage and sharpen so that they can walk in the gifting God has given them?
6. Are you living in true community? Who would call you if you didn't show up to church for three weeks in a row?
7. Spend some time praying for each other and asking God to unite you as a family who will come along side each other and encourage each other toward all God has called us to.