

Growth Group Discussion Questions
For Our Growth Group- On Line Meetings
“Knowing Is Not Enough”- Part 2
“We’re Better In Circles”
Week of January 17th, 2021

Summary- We’re Better In Circles... may sound cliché, but it is absolutely true! Interaction beats pure preaching in the long run. We can communicate new ideas from the pulpit but we can wrestle with them and decide if we’re going to let them influence our daily lives or not in our small group experiences! My hope is, we’ll prove that we truly are...”Better Together” as our Growth Group semester unfolds! Have a blast together!!!

ICE BREAKER & WELCOME BACK QUESTION

1. To get us going, how about each of us **share our highs and lows** that happened in our lives over the Christmas timeframe.

2. What do you personally want to get out of your Growth Group time this semester (January thru the end of April 2021)?

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1. Growth Groups provide connection, interaction, camaraderie, bible insight, personal application and so much more. Let’s look at the following passage that Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, wrote in Ecclesiastes chapter 4 and discuss the questions that follow.

Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12...

“Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. 10 If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. 11 Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? 12 A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.”

- a. Discuss some ways that two people meeting together in a Growth Group can help each other succeed in life. (Hint: start with practical things and move to spiritual help)

- b. So, let's say you've taken a "hit" in some area of your life. How might members of your Growth Group help you stay strong & live better through what you're facing?
- c. Verse 11 talks about how two people can stay warmer by being together (you have a visual there I'm sure). With this thought in mind, discuss how important your "being there" (your presence) is to both you and your small group members? (Hint: we're better together)
- d. Verse 12 tells us how vulnerable we can be alone in our spiritual journeys. In contrast, verse 12 says two people together can have each other's backs. Three are even better, together. So, in what ways can we have each other's "back" in Growth Group this semester?

2. We discussed on Sunday the importance of having a plan for our spiritual growth and development as we desire to live for Jesus. We have plans for our finances, our kid's educations, our eating, our exercise program, etc. Let's brainstorm a basic spiritual growth plan that includes these 4 basics of a vibrant walk with Jesus:

1. Prayer...
2. Feeding on God's Word...
3. Enjoying encouraging & being encouraged by other believers...
4. Spreading the Good News about Jesus...