

Small Group Notes: 9 August 2026

Theme: “We need each other”

Thank you so much to Maria for bringing us our message for this week.

Readings:

- Ecclesiastes 4: 8-12ⁱ
- 1 Corinthians 12: 12-13, 27

Warm Up:

What job have you tackled by yourself that you should have asked someone to help you do?

Discussion Questions:

Read: Ecclesiastes 4:8-12

- What is the status of the man in verse 8a? How materially successful is he? At what cost? What is he questioning?
- Why does the Teacher see the “busyness” in verse 8 as meaningless?
- What are the benefits of the “two” in verses 9-12? How is the proverb in verse 12b a fitting conclusion?

Reflection:

- For whom (yourself, God, others) do you “toil” in the different areas of life (work, home, school, church)? How much satisfaction do you derive from your “toil” and from your companions?
- How easy is it for you to allow someone to help you? Or, to let someone know that you need help?
- Where would you be spiritually were it not for the help of others?

Read 1 Cor. 12: 12-13,27

- Describe yourself as a “part” of the body of Christ (an eye, hand, foot etc.) Why did you select that part?
- Why is verse 12 such a good illustration of verse 13?

- Read verse 27 – How connected are you to your church body? What could you do to help “the body” function better?
- How do you (or could you) use your gifts and abilities within the church? What holds you back from using your gifts more fully?

Prayer

End your discussion time with prayers for each other, and for the health of your church.

God bless

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ⁱ SERENDIPITY BIBLE - For Personal and Small Group Study: NIV: Zondervan: 1998: pg. 922-923 and pg. 1598.