

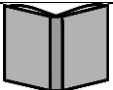











Small Group/ Reflection Notes

02-07-2023		YOLO! The three cords everyone needs	
 Start	<p>Today is all about the strength of healthy relationships. Being around others is not always easy. It requires generosity and grace. It can be tempting to 'go it alone'.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Who has blessed you this week? How?</p>		
 Discuss	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Why do teams generally win over an individual in a quiz or football/ netball match?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> When do you feel most connected to others? What difference does that make to you? Others?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What tips do you have for making a connection with people?</p>		
 Read	Ecclesiastes 4:7-12	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch
 Explore	<p><input type="checkbox"/> v.7: What does this mean? Have you ever felt this in your connection with others?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> v.8: Few have no relationships/ people in their life. Why is loneliness so harmful, even life-shortening? What can we do about it?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> v.9: What are the advantages and disadvantages of being self-employed? Have you ever 'worked for yourself'? What were the pressures, limitations? What does Ecclesiastes see in team working/ having colleagues?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> v.10: What are the marks of a good friendship? When have you received or given the friendship support that Ecclesiastes speaks of?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> v.11: What are the marks of a good marriage/ intimate partnership? How can we support those who experience separation or bereavement? Those who are married are in the minority at Chester Road. Does that surprise you?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> v.12: What's stronger: one thread or two threads? What might the one thread represent? [me] What about the two threads? [you & me] Why are three threads stronger still? What might that represent [you, me & Jesus]. How does God model/ exemplify this? [Trinity, God the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. God <u>is</u> relationship]</p>		
 Go further	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Watch the Bible Project overview of the Book of Ecclesiastes (8 mins)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Why are relationships at the heart of God?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What is the Trinity? How would you explain it?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> How do you imagine the relationship between Father, Son, & Holy Spirit?</p>		
 Reflect	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> How healthy are your relationships?</p>		
 Do	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Reach out to someone this week.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This week, pray daily for each member of this/ your small group.</p>		

 Pray	<p>Franciscans repeat frequently:</p> <p><i>Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.</i></p> <p>Say it. Say it slowly. And say it again. And again... Try it! (Guess where Danny's been this week!)</p>
 My questions:	

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