

Message Outline

BIG Thoughts on Small Groups—Part 2

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12



Intro: Significance of small groups...

- 1) Community is in our DNA (Gen.1:26).
- 2) Community is in our Discipline (Lk.6:13ff.)
- 3) Community is in our Denomination (Acts 2:46).

Benefit of Others over Individualism

Read: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

- 1) W _____ v.9
 - Value in work...
 - Work and following Jesus (Mt. 5:16, Eph. 2:10)...
 - Get more done with more fun with others.
- 2) W _____ v.10
 - Life's stumble spots...
 - What hand lifts or steadies you in life's stumbles?
 - Ways we raise one another...
- 3) W _____ v.11
 - Warmth emitted when others live life together in close proximity...
 - NT calls this way of life "brotherly love".
-Appropriate warmth among faith family (Heb.13:1, Rom.12:10, 2Pet.1:3-8).
 - Note "warmth" not "burnt"!
- 4) W _____ v.12
 - Safety in numbers...
 - The battle we face (1Pet.5:8-9), and having one another's backs...
 - Moving from 2 to 3 in v.12b...not about the numbers but about the human need...

Closing: Encountering Christ in the midst of community (Mt. 18:20)...