



# Home Teams

DISCUSSION GUIDE

# BETTER TOGETHER

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# Do Life

BETTER TOGETHER: WEEK 4 • ECCLESIASTES 4:8-12

## 🕒 Big Idea

Home Teams facilitate encouragement, care, & fun.

## 📖 Read & Discuss Answers

*Write notes and prayers on the back*

### OPENING QUESTIONS

1. Think of a time when you faced an uncomfortable situation and you were—or thought you were—alone? How did you deal with it?
2. What stood out to you in this weekend’s message that you agreed with, disagreed with, or confused you?

### IN THE WORD

1. In [Genesis 2:18](#) God shows us that, even from the beginning, He was not satisfied with man being “alone.” In what ways do you think this truth applies to other relationships besides marriage?
2. When God tells us that it was not good for the man to be alone, did He mean that you should never seek solitude? How do you think He would direct you in this?
3. In [Ecclesiastes 4:9](#), Solomon reminds us that two are better than one because they have “good return for their work.” What do you think he means by this?
4. [Ecclesiastes 4:11-12](#) reminds us that when we are in community with others, we have the advantage of warmth, protection, and strength in a cold world. What role do these have in our lives?

## MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. Most of us try to find a balance between solitude and community. Do you prefer to be by yourself more or with others more?
  - How difficult is it to find time and place for both?
  - Has God ever challenged you to adjust that natural preference for His purposes?
  - Have you ever used this preference as an excuse to avoid experiences in which God challenged you to be flexible?
2. Read [Ecclesiastes 4:10](#). Can you recall a time when, as a “friend,” you should have “helped someone up” but didn’t? Why didn’t you? Would you do anything differently next time?
3. In this weekend’s message, you were encouraged to “build it before you need it” (i.e. to make the effort to build and contribute to a healthy Home Team before you face a time of significant need). Have you ever witnessed or experienced an example of this truth, either by failing to make this effort, or by succeeding in doing so?
4. Of the three subjects in verses 11-12 (warmth, protection, strength), which has the most appeal for you? Why?

## CONTINUED LEARNING

In Galatians, Paul encourages readers to follow the Holy Spirit rather than traditions and to cultivate genuine love for each other ([Galatians 5:13-18](#), [5:22-26](#), [6:1-10](#)). Read through these verses and identify specific actions you might take.

# Notes & Prayers



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