

Let's **TAILGATE**

Week 1

THE FIELD: RELATIONSHIPS

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one,
because they have a good return for their labor:
If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.
But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.
Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.
But how can one keep warm alone?
Though one may be overpowered two can defend themselves.
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

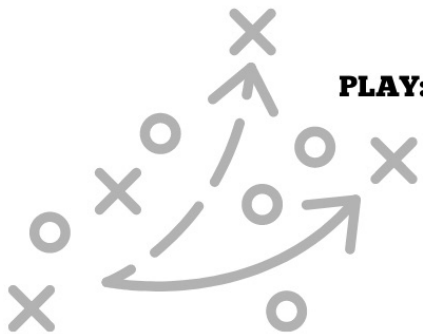
PRACTICE: SEEK WHOLENESS

Genesis 2:18, 21-22

The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone.
I will make a helper suitable for him."

So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep;
and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then
closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman
from the rib he had taken out of the man,
and he brought her to the man.

PLAY: RISK IN RELATIONSHIP



HOW TO RECEIVE FORGIVENESS FROM GOD:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need a new life in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new life from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness.
I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you
as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you
all the days of my life. In your name, Amen.

**If you chose to follow Jesus today, text "FAITH" to 309-250-2007 to
receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus**

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

- :: What is your favorite sport to watch or compete in? What do you most enjoy about it? What are your favorite connections with others there?
- :: Read through Ecclesiastes 4:7-12 & Genesis 2:8-25.
What sticks out to you? What challenges you?
- :: Pastor Jeremiah said, "We are incomplete without relationship... but relationships can never make us whole."
What are some of the ways we might look for other people to do for & in us what only Jesus can do? How does this change some of what we might expect of others in our relationships?
- :: Pastor Jeremiah also said, "The wounds we receive in community don't get healed in isolation."
How are you processing that?
What do you think are some ways we can find healing in community... even when we've been wounded in community?

What is one way you are going to risk in relationship this week? Who can you invite to pray with and for you as you do so?

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