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Discussion
Gu'ide

"ACCOMPANIED"

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The Point:

Cropped: God's Here When There are at Least Two of Us!
Completed: Jesus Reinforces Restoration

The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our "antennae up", to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

**someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- Would you rather have a personal pilot to take you wherever you want to go OR a personal butler to serve you at your house?

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Read John 1:1-3, Psalm 139:7-12, and Matthew 28:20b. With those passages in mind, read Matthew 18:20. Why do you think Christ-followers tend to know the *cropped* version of this passage?
- Read Matthew 18:15-20. How does v. 20 fit into the overall context of this passage? (see v. 16 for a hint) Why do you think Jesus reminds about His presence when talking about restoration?
- Let's get personal about the "Rules of Restoration" from the Point:
 - *Who to Confront*: Christ-followers (Read 1 Corinthians 5:9-13)
 - How has the church messed up on this one over the years?
 - *What to Confront*: Sin (Read Galatians 6:1)
 - What are some wrong reasons for confronting others?
 - *Where to Confront*: Privately (Read Matthew 5:23-24)
 - How can our pride get in the way of confronting privately?
 - *When to Confront*: ASAP (Read Hebrews 3:12-13)
 - Do you tend to flee from confrontation? Why is this unhealthy?
 - *Why to Confront*: To Restore (Read James 5:19-20)
 - Why is understanding this so VERY important to confrontation?
 - *How to Confront*: As a Process (Read Matthew 18:15-17)
 - List the 4 steps of restoration. What happens if we skip a step?
- Without details, which describes you right now: God is calling me to restore someone OR God is calling me to respond to my own sin? Pray.

The References

Main Passage: **Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)***selected verses, read full passage in Bible

If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault...For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

John 1:1-3 (NIV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

In the beginning was the Word...He was with God in the beginning...

Psalms 139:7-12 (NIV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

Matthew 28:20b (NLT)

And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

1 Corinthians 5:9-13 (NLT)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning...

Galatians 6:1 (NIV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently...

Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift...

Hebrews 3:12-13 (NLT)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...You must warn each other every day, while it is still "today," ...

James 5:19-20 (NIV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.