

WHAT'S INSIDE COUNTS. A CURRENT POINT SERIES. #INSIDEMC3



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THE POINT:

On the Inside, Prime Groups are about Community

Discussion Generators

Don't forget to make announcements to your group!

- →New this year, we are adding something called "God Moments" each week. Simply put, God Moments are how you have seen God working over the past week, either in your life, or in the life of another. Thinking back to this past summer, what God Moments have you seen?
- •This coming week, be looking for how you have seen God working, to share next time!
- •What has stood out to you so far from the *Inside mc3* Point series?
- •Read Acts 2:42-47. This passage is the basis for the mc3 discipleship process. Which parts of this passage are about c1: Community? [Leaders: answers underlined on last page]
- •Think back and share a funny story of when you tried unsuccessfully to do something by yourself when you really should have asked for help from others.
- •Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-10. Solomon writes in these verses that community can help with restoration. What does that mean?
- •How can we restore others?

- •Think back to a time when you had spiritually "fallen down". If you are willing, share how (or how did you wish) others restored you?
- •What do you think would have happened if they never restored you?
- •Read Ecclesiastes 4:11. Solomon continues that another benefit of community is provision. What makes this idea so powerful about community, versus being alone?
- •Share some practical ways that only a group of Christ-followers can meet needs that an individual can't? How do our gifts/talents fit in?
- → Read Ecclesiastes 4:12. Finally, Solomon concludes that community can provide protection. However he isn't just referring to physical protection here, but to protecting each other in our walk with Jesus. As a group, list 10 ways that you can "protect" fellow Christ-followers.
- →Now it's time to get real. Using the list above, go around the room and have each person share one way that they need other Christ-followers to protect them. After each person shares, have another person in the room then pray for that person (something as simple as "God, please help _____ to be ____"). Continue around the room until each person has shared and has had someone pray for them.
- •Don't forget about the mc3 YouVersion (free Bible app) reading plan that we're doing together during this series. Become "friends" with mc3Church on YouVersion and sign up for the "Acts Reading Guide" plan and read along with the rest of mc3! (and don't worry, YouVersion allows you to catch up!)

Bible Verses

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellow-ship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NLT)

9Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. 10If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. 11Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone?12A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.