

Foundational Passage: Ecclesiastes 4:9–12

Big Idea: Kingdom Men are not meant to walk _____. We need men who are _____ in the journey to walk with us as _____. We need _____ to walk beside us, and we need to invest in the next generation because the _____ of their relationships will shape the _____ of their lives.

I. Naming the Problem: Isolation Today

Isolation is the condition of being relationally _____ from the men God intends to use for your encouragement, wisdom, accountability, and mission.

Why do we need to address this?

- 1- Isolation is a significant problem for _____.
- 2- Isolation is increasing in our _____, individualistic age.

II. Why Isolation is Dangerous

- 1- Isolation produces _____ and _____. (Eccl 4:10)
- 2- Isolation produces _____ actions and blind spots. (Prov 18:1)
- 3- Isolation produces _____ masculinity. (Prov 15:22)
- 4- Isolation leaves men vulnerable in the fight. (Eccl 4:12)

III. Three Relationships Every Man Needs

1. A godly _____ ahead of you.

Titus 2:1-2, 6-8

2. A faithful _____ beside you.

Proverbs 27:17, 13:20

3. A _____ man behind you.

2 Timothy 2:2

IV. How to Build Strong Friendships

1. _____ a good friend.
2. Move toward other men (take the _____).
3. Pick men who help you _____ Jesus.
4. Go _____ in your conversations.

V. Finding Helpful Mentors

1. _____ for wisdom and guidance.
2. _____ a man to invest in you.
3. Come _____.
4. Try _____ if needed.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Where do you see isolation showing up in your life right now? How is relational isolation impacting you personally?
2. Are your closest friends helping you become more like Jesus or pulling you away from Him? Explain.
3. What is one step you need to take this week to pursue godly friendship or mentoring in your life?
4. How can the group pray for you this week?

HOMEWORK

Memorize this Bible verse: Ecclesiastes 4:9–10

Action item:

Initiate one intentional conversation with another man this week.

Choose one of these options:

- Ask an older, godly man to meet with you for wisdom or mentoring.
- Invite a faithful peer to coffee, breakfast, lunch, a walk, or a shared activity.
- Reach out to a younger man and encourage him.

During the conversation, ask at least one deeper question:

“How are you really doing?”

“How can I pray for you?”

“What is God teaching you right now?”

“Where do you need encouragement?”

“What is one area where you need wisdom?”

“Is there anything you are carrying alone right now?”

Do not wait for friendship to happen. Take the first step toward godly brotherhood.