



Putting the Breath of God Back Into My Week

Loving Each Other

September 18th, 2016

May the Lord bless Onesiphorus and all his family because he visited me and encouraged me often. His visits revived me like a breath of fresh air... - 2 Timothy 1:16 LB

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. - Hebrews 10:25 NLT

Why Walk Alone?

There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother. There was no end to his toil, yet his eyes were not content with his wealth. - Ecclesiastes 4:8 NIV

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Where Everybody Knows Your Name

So it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. - Romans 12:5 NLT

1. ARENA – I KNOW, AND [YOU KNOW](#).

- I NEED PEOPLE WHO REALLY [KNOW ME](#).

For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? - 1 Corinthians 2:11 NIV

2. MASK – I KNOW, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW.

- I NEED PEOPLE WHO WILL PROTECT ME.

We refuse to wear masks and play games.... Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open... - 2 Corinthians 4:2 MSG

...confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. - James 5:16 NIV

3. BLIND SPOTS – I DON'T KNOW, BUT YOU KNOW.

- I NEED PEOPLE WHO WILL BE HONEST WITH ME.

Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful. - Proverbs 27:6 NKJV

4. POTENTIAL – I DON'T KNOW, AND YOU DON'T KNOW.

- I NEED PEOPLE WHO WILL GROW ME.

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. - Proverbs 27:17 NIV

One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. - Proverbs 18:24 NIV

My Next Step This Week...

- Memorize *Romans 12:5*.
- Commit to a Growth Group this Fall.
- Refresh my life by committing to forming deeper spiritual relationships.
- Give my life to Jesus as Savior and Lord, for the first time.

WALK THE TALK

A Growth Group Guide

1. When you have walked into a new job or a new church, what was it like trying to get your feet wet with the other employees or church members? Why do you think it is so very hard to break into a new group?
2. When it comes to helping people who are new to Crosswind Church to get connected, what do you think is the best way to help them?
3. Read Acts 2:42-47 to the group.
 - a. In verse 42, four elements describe the community life of the early church. How is our church doing with the four? How would you scale them from 1-10 in your mind?
 - b. What other elements were important to them experiencing God's favor beyond these four?
 - c. Why is it critical that spiritual community, to flourish, most go beyond a weekend service? How can we do life together through the week?
 - d. How explosive do you think our growth would become, at Crosswind, if we truly facilitated a life like the one we see here in this passage?
4. How does the section, "Where Everybody Knows Your Name," in the outline above, show you that an individual truly needs the group to best develop?