

Message Series: SECRETS

Message Title: There's Strength in Numbers

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Message Summary: We are more connected today than at any other point in history, yet the number of people who say, "I've never felt more alone" continues to grow. God's design for successful living is found within relationship...a special type of relationship.

Leaders: The questions that follow are designed to stir reflection and discussion. Please read through them prior to your meeting, so you can be prepared to prayerfully pace your group well. Feel free to write your answers down and make notes so you are prepared to lead your group. And remember, as leader, your goal is to promote increased *biblical* awareness, as well as individual *self-awareness* – a combination that with the help of the Holy Spirit, results in revelation and...transformation!

Below you will find questions that relate to the primary scripture and additional scripture. There will be other reflective questions intended for group discussion and application.

➤ **There's strength in numbers**

Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

These verses speak of the power of two being together. Verse 12 says *a chord of three strands is not easily broken.*

Why do you think it says *a chord of three strands* and not *a chord of two strands*?

The statement "there's strength in numbers" could be true in both the positive sense and the negative.

Can you think of examples where the outcome was not good? (Example: Nazi Germany)

How do you make sure that a group you associate yourself with is headed in the right direction, or aiming for Godly outcomes?

➤ **Aaron removed barriers that hindered Moses**

Read Proverbs 27:17

Aaron spoke on behalf of Moses because of his speech impediment.

How in your life have trusted friends stood up for or helped cover your weaknesses?

Can you think of a time that you have done that for someone else?

➤ **Aaron was the constant reminder that Moses was never alone**

Read Proverbs 17:17

Why is it that in the hard times of life is when we discover who the people are who will stand by us?

Who are the people in your life that you know would be there for you if life threw you a curveball?

Who are the people that would say you would be there for them in a challenging time?

It would seem that those we just named are the relationships that we should be prioritizing. How are you doing at those relationships? Does something need to change? What?

➤ **Aaron provided strength when Moses' ran out**

Read Hebrews 10:24-25

These verses speak of encouraging each other, but also "spurring one another on." Does spurring a horse feel good to the horse? Then why would the writer use that analogy in these verses? Share with each other a time when a trusted friend "spurred" you on, or when you had to "spur" a friend on.

Think of and share with your group one new way you can encourage someone this week.

➤ **Two questions to answer**

1. Who is the “Aaron” in your life?
2. Into whose life do you play the role of “Aaron?”