

Circles pt.2

Growing in Love

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Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—**a threefold cord is not quickly broken.**

Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 (ESV)

Big Idea: God made us to be connected with other believers.

Circles = _____

- Open Circles VS Closed Circles

Biblical Love _____ us for the better.

- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (ESV)

Biblical Love is _____.

- Philippians 2:3-4 (ESV)

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- Romans 13:8-10 (ESV)

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Biblical Love sees the potential in people and believes for what could be.

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- 2 Corinthians 7:5-9 (ESV)

It's Small Group Sunday – Find your Circle in the Café' Lobby!

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Discuss and Apply

Use the following questions to help you formulate age-appropriate questions to stimulate meaningful conversations. Please share your ideas and experiences with us at connect@manna.church.

1. What is the Holy Spirit saying to me through this message?

Prayerfully reflect on the following:

2. Biblical Love sees the potential in people and believes for what could be.

3. Spiritual gifts don't make Christians spiritual...loving one another makes us spiritual.

Prayerfully reflect on the attributes of Biblical Love (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

Biblical love is:

— Humble

— Harmless

— Hopeful

— Healing

Prayer

Heavenly Father, I need healthy relationships with other believers. Help me to lower my guard and open the circles of my life. Lord, help me to walk in true biblical LOVE. Open my heart to see the potential in those around me. Help me develop a hopeful and helpful faith that lifts and empowers other to grow spiritually.

Lord, as you are healing me, teach me to be a healer. Bringing hope and restoration through the relationships you call me into. Thank you for placing me in Your Body (the Church). Allow me to grow in my understanding and calling that I might produce God inspired fruits, delighting you and those around me, Fill me with your God light – that I might help others to see the world through your Word. In Jesus Name - Amen

At Manna We Believe

...God's design of the Church and human body bears many similarities (1 Corinthians 12:12-27). We are healthiest when our cells (circles) serve the greater good of the whole. That's why "we're not just a church with Small Groups. We're a Small Groups church." Small Groups are the lifeblood of Manna Church because life-change happens most often in the context of small groups. There are no "lone-rangers" in the body of Christ.