

Ecclesiastes 4:11. "Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone?"

This verse reminds us of the importance of a caring community. Discuss the comfort that comes from knowing you have a group of believers that are willing, ready and able to help when life brings uneasy circumstances.

Read Ruth 1:16-17

Share with your group what you know about the story of Ruth and Boaz.

Discuss the encouragement that comes from Ruth's statement knowing that she would be close no matter what life brought their way.

Give an example from your life concerning the benefit of a close relationship? What did you go through and how were you helped by this person or group?

One more thing.....

When David and Maria's youngest child was diagnosed with a chronic illness, their LifeGroup surrounded them with meals, childcare, and constant prayer and encouraging support. They said, *"We couldn't have made it through those first months without our group carrying us."* That season showed them what the church truly looks like when it becomes family.

Share a time when you helped a close friend or a close friend cared for you. How did this change you? What was the greater lesson that you took away from this experience?

Additional Notes:

Prayer Requests: