

Faithful Living in a Fearful World

Week 3

“Complete Communion”

Psalm 23, 133; John 15:12-15

“Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art.... It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things that give value to survival.”

C. S. Lewis

OPEN WITH PRAYER

GETTING STARTED:

Two options: 1. Describe what you really appreciate in a friendship. *Or*, 2. What was your first friend like?

LEARNING & APPLYING GOD’S WORD

1. How does it feel to be lonely? Why do we fear loneliness so much?
2. Read Psalm 133 together: Why does Scripture celebrate when God’s people are one? Have you seen a picture of God’s people in unity?
3. Read Psalm 23 together: Have you experienced that kind of intimacy with God? How? What does it look like?
4. Read John 15:12-15 together: What does it mean that Jesus calls us his “friends”? (You might also see where God calls Abraham “my friend” in Isaiah 41:8.)
5. “Full communion” happens we are fully connected to God and to one another. How do we live into this friendship with God? How do you get closer to God? When have others brought you closer to God?

LIVING OUT “REAL LIFE”

Share some ways that your Real Life Group can care for each other more deeply. What do you need from each other?

SHARING AND PRAYER (Prayer Requests)

Take some time to share prayer requests, where you need to find God’s grace and peace. Be sure to give thanks for each other and pray for one another’s needs. When we pray together, we find the power of God.