

The Grace of Doing Life Together **Ephesians 6:21-24**

The BIG Idea: God intends for us to do life _____.

Relationships ...

- 1) Are _____ idea. Genesis 2:18, "It is not good for man to be alone."
- 2) Are how God _____ us to saving faith and _____ that faith. Hebrews 10:23-24, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering ... and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works."

Doing Life Together

- 1) Christian friendships are all about _____ and being _____.
 - Tychicus ... a beloved brother and faithful minister
 - Proverbs 17:17, "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."
 - Your friends don't need you to know the right thing to do or the right thing to say; they just need _____.
 - Why we need togetherness ...
 1. For _____. Hebrews 3:13, "Exhort one another every day ... that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."
 2. For _____.
- 2) Christian friendships require _____.
 - John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."
 - Christian friendship is a call to invite people to come into your life and watch you _____.
- 3) Christian friendships are characterized by a _____.
 - We don't have friendships just to have friendships; we have friendships to _____ to Him.
 - 1 Corinthians 15:10, "But by the grace of God I am what I am."
 - So ... love Jesus with an _____ love. 1 John 4:19, "We love because he first loved us."
 - Romans 5:8, "But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Action Steps

- 1) Ask God to help you embrace genuine _____.
- 2) Ask God to help you to develop _____ Christian friendships.
- 3) Ask God to help you see how _____ He loves you.