

“At the Movies” - Solo: A Star Wars Story

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. (Philippians 2:1-4)

Three Benefits of Not Going Solo

1) We help one another through life's rough spots

"It is the fellowship of the Cross to experience the burden of the other. If one does not experience it, the fellowship he belongs to is not Christian." (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

2) We make a difference and find purpose

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing... (Hebrews 10:24-25a)

3) We get the correct perspective on life around us

When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny. (Psalm 73:16-17)

Devotional/Discussion Guide

- Begin with prayer. If you are in a group, this is important and if you are by yourself, it is equally important. Ask God to guide your time.
- How many Christians do you know that don't attend church? Why don't they go? Have you ever been at that place in your life? What was going on?
- Pastor Scott called this "going solo." It seems to be a growing trend in our country. What are the dangers of this? How do you think it can be reversed?
- The Bible teaches us that we are not help one another with the burdens we are going through. Have you ever done this? Has someone done it for you? What did it mean to you and why if you were on the receiving end? If you were on the giving end how did it make you feel?

- Read Galatians 6:2 on the other side under point one. What does this mean to you?
- Read the verses from Hebrews 10 under point two on the other side. What do you “get” from this? Why is meeting together so important? Has someone ever “spurred you on?” Have you ever done that for someone?
- Where do most people get a perspective on life? Where do you get it? Where should we get it? Read the Psalm 73 passage under point three. What is it about entering God’s sanctuary that gave David his bearings? Do you think this is true yet today for Christians?
- Read Philippians 2:1-4 at the top of the other side. What stands out to you? Why?
- Close your time with prayer. Pray not only for yourselves but for the needs of your group, family, this church and school as well please.