



“What’s Missing?: Part 2 - Companionship”



Prayer



Getting Started

Announcements:

- **Connect 103: Christianity Basics -Sundays, January 22-March 18, 8:30-9:30 a.m.** - Looking to “connect the dots” of Christianity, i.e., what is the Bible? doctrine? the Trinity? This is class is the place to ask those questions and explore the answers together. classes@montrosechurch.org
- **Grow 206: Financial Peace University - Thursdays, February 2-May 3, 7-8:30 p.m.:** Financial peace is about taking control of your finances through a right relationship with Jesus and through spending, saving and giving habits. This class goes through Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University to help you learn how to eliminate debt, create a budget and build wealth. Childcare is provided. More: classes@montrosechurch.org

Prayer Focus:

- Companionship among our church and healthy relationships

Starter Question

- Share about one relationship that you’ve experienced deep companionship?



Discovering Truth

Separation

- **Read Luke 17:11-19**
- Notice the stark phrasing that speaks about the power of human separation. “Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. (Even this travel detail highlights the issue of our isolation) As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” It is a powerful image of people separated by brokenness.

Lepers

- The laws mandated that Lepers remain a safe distance and that if anyone came unknowingly toward a leper, they were required to identify themselves by shouting out, “Unclean, Unclean.” How would you feel as a Leper? Who are the Lepers in our society? How can you break down social barriers?
- It’s fascinating that Luke makes sure we know that this group of broken lepers included both Jews and Samaritans. Nothing destroys our social prejudices faster than sharing the communion of brokenness. Throw us together with a few others who are broken in some similar way as us and we no longer see race, or politics or even religion. We just see another person who might understand our pain.
- Jesus responds to the separation of the Lepers by offering healing. He sends them on their way. He doesn’t heal them and then send them. He sends them on and asks them to make a move and on the way they are healed. How have you responded to Jesus’ offer of healing in your life?

Companionship

- Often our ability to overcome our sense of separation is difficult. Our prejudices and fiercest beliefs are often fueled by our need to belong. We believe some things, but what we actually know for certain is very little.
- What are some of your prejudices and some beliefs?
- The gospel is good news because it reaches through separation, to those who are isolated and alone in their brokenness and it offers the loving companionship of a graceful God.
- What does companionship with God look like in your life right now?



Building Community

- Companionship speaks to the idea of “doing life together.” What are ways your LifeGroup can find deeper companionship with each other as you pursue Jesus?



Next Steps

- Pray about one relationship in your life that you want to pursue deeper companionship



Prayer Requests & Prayer



Scripture from the Sermon

- **Luke 17:11-19** - “Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”