

# Better Together

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

We are more \_\_\_\_\_ together than apart

1. Together we are more \_\_\_\_\_

- From \_\_\_\_\_

- From the \_\_\_\_\_

- From the \_\_\_\_\_

2. Together we are more \_\_\_\_\_

## For Further Reflection and Discussion

*Opener: What's your favorite thing to do when it rains? What's your least favorite?*

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. What are some of the benefits of friendship that are given here?

When is a time in your life when you have fallen, but a friend has helped you up (v. 10)?

- When is a time when you have been able to help a friend who has fallen?

What are some ways in which the metaphor of "coldness" reminds you of what it's like to live in this world?

- How can friends help counteract this effect on us?

Studies show that committed Christians today are attending church less regularly than in years past. Why do you think this is? If being with other believers is part of what keeps us spiritually "warm", then why is it hard for so many to do?

- Do you think the answer to this situation is for people to just buckle down and get to church, or are there ways in which churches should adjust to this changing reality? Why? What changes need to happen?

What are some ways that we as a small group can be more productive and effective together than apart (v. 9)?

- What are some ways that we as a church can do more together than we would be able to do individually?

As you look at your life, how would you like to grow in this area of community?

- How would you like to see our group grow in this area?
- How would you like to see our church grow in this area?

How can we pray for one another?