

Conversation Guide

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"BETTER TOGETHER"
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SCRIPTURE

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

John 17:20-23

MAIN IDEA

We can accomplish more together than we could ever dream of doing apart. God has called us to be a community of faith that is united around him regardless of gender, age, ethnicity, class, or history. We courageously step into community seeking to know and be known. So that, together, motivated by love we share the hope of Jesus with each other and the world.

TALK ABOUT IT

- 1. Read Psalm 23:6. What thoughts come to mind as you consider how God relentlessly pursues you? How have you experienced his pursuing in your life?**
- 2. We all carry burdens of some kind. Who is someone in your life right now who could need help carrying a burden? What about you - Are there some in your life that you could courageously someone to carry with you?**
- 3. Read Hebrews 10:23-25. What stands out from this passage to you? How can you practically live it out this week?**

Psalm 23:6 "Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life."

Hebrews 10:23-25 Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

PRAYER PROMPT

Father, Thank You for the gift of our faith community. I pray that You would help me to invest in deep, meaningful relationships with other followers of Jesus. Helps me to be courageous in community and faithful in following you. Amen.

And no matter the culture or ethnic mosaics
There is only one God and one heave through Him
So let's stand united share our faith then with others
And all spiritual cup will be filled to the brim

Cause we're better together if we work as a team
Partnership and community always go hand in hand
And our God's there to guide us if we just listen
And ask for direction instead of demand.
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