

Summer Stories Notes - 7/10/2022

Look Back:

How has God answered your prayers to show you opportunities to welcome, rescue and empower children in your community and around the world.?

Look Up:

Read [Ecclesiastes 4:7-12](#)

1. Do you agree that it is “meaningless” for a person to be alone? If this is true, why do you think that so many people feel alone today?
2. How easy is it for you to think of helping another person as being a way for you not to be alone? Have you ever developed a strong friendship that started by you making a decision to help someone else?
3. How easy is it for you to admit that you have “fallen” or feel overpowered and ask someone else for help? Have you ever developed a strong relationship with someone after you asked for help?
4. Are the choices you are currently making leading to your being alone or together? What might you choose to do differently to be better together with others?

Read [Acts 2:42](#)

5. What does this verse mean to you personally?
6. How much time do you typically spend weekly discussing God’s word, praying and sharing meals with others vs. alone? How might doing these things help you build close mutual relationships? What changes do you need to make to develop these habits?
7. Why do you think the author says that the early believers were “devoted” to these 4 things? What would someone say you are “devoted” to right now? Why?

Overall (Discovery Bible Study)

- What do these scriptures say about God?
- What do they say about people?
- How will I apply this to my life?

Look Ahead:

What changes can you make to develop habits and actions that lead to your being better together with others?

Notes

Very few people want to be alone, but many make decisions and choices that lead to this. Things of the world demand our attention, consume our time and drain our energy. As a result, we often feel like we have little left to invest in building close mutual relationships that can benefit us and others in both good and challenging times. Becoming better together requires time and patience, but starts with a commitment to either ask for help, or be willing to take the time to help others.