

Called to a People

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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, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Philippians 2:1-5 NIV

WHY GOD MIGHT CALL YOU TO A PEOPLE...

1. We were made to _____.

What's the longest you've ever gone without seeing anyone else? Were you lonely?

2. Great relationships come from _____ investments in _____.

Do you have a best friend? How long have you known them? If they asked, how eager would you be to help them?

3. Encouragement comes from _____.

Author Jim Rohn stated; "You are the average of the five people you spend the most time with, including yourself." Who are your four people beside yourself that encourage you?

4. We live out the "Good News" of the gospel through our _____ with others.

Being a Christians means that you are a "little Christ." If this is true, how do others see Christ in you?

THIS WEEK, TAKE A MOMENT TO THINK ABOUT THE VARIOUS PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE. WHAT ROLE DO THEY PLAY IN YOUR LIFE? WHO ARE YOU TO THEM? HOW DOES YOUR FAITH AFFECT EACH ONE OF THOSE RELATIONSHIPS? HOW MIGHT YOUR LIVE OF CHRIST SHOW SOMEONE CHRIST'S LOVE OF THEM?

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