

# Toolbox

Week 3 – September 27

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 & Proverbs 13:12

*Grab your Bible and a few people to connect with. Look up the verses below and share your thoughts. It's that easy!*

**Share:** Have you ever tried to build or assemble something difficult by yourself? What happened?

**Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 and Proverbs 13:12 together:** Take turns reading if you prefer. Enjoy the different Bible translations we each read. As you read think about how God wired us to build a great life in community with others.

**Discuss the following context:**

It takes a village. We cannot build something great in this life alone, it requires a community of others. Building something of significance requires us to build together. We are seen in God's eyes as sons and daughters, His family. As a family we grow and navigate difficulties together.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 says "Two are better than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble." Anything worth building, putting your hand to, or giving your life for will always be accomplished with the help of others. Great things are built together!

**Share your thoughts about the following questions:**

1. Jesus is about inclusivity, not exclusivity, but the world is about individualism. Throughout Scripture we find this idea of togetherness and one another's needs. Love one another, honor one another, live in harmony with one another, build up one another, accept one another. What do we gain when we build an interdependent community around us? What types of things does it prevent? (Consider mental, physical and emotional health.)
2. How can you be more specific about what you were built for? Read these 3 ideas and corresponding Scriptures as you discuss what you are passionate and compassionate about.
  - a. We were built to do good works – Ephesians 2:10
  - b. We were built to carry God's Kingdom – Ephesians 2:22
  - c. We were built to be ambassadors of God's love – Ephesians 3:10
3. Jesus is the master of tethering people around a beautiful mission they can do together in His name and by His power! What time, talents and treasures do you have to offer to your community?

**Pray together:** Ask each other to share what is on your heart today. Thank God for His family, a community of others to build with you. Ask God for His vision for your life and for Him to reveal who else is dreaming a God sized vision just like yours. Praise God that He is preparing someone else's heart also for this same vision and dream you have.