



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2023 | WEEK FOUR - AT THE MOVIES

WARM-UP QUESTION

As a kid, what would you have done if you had an entire day to yourself without supervision?

DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read [Philippians 2:1-4](#)

- What actions and character traits do you see Paul listing? What thoughts or feelings come up for you as you read through these verses?
- Do you see yourself reflected in this list? Do your recent actions line up with the traits described?
- Read [Philippians 2:13](#). How does this change your understanding of verses 1-4? Now what thoughts or feelings do you have? What does verse 13 tell you about God's character?
- It can be easy to get discouraged if you try to live like Christ in your own strength. How can you practically lean into God's strength every day?

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

- What word or words did the author use in verse 7 to describe the isolation he witnessed? Try reading the verse in a few different translations or using a dictionary to enhance your study. How would you summarize these verses in your own words?
- Do you agree that doing life alone is "meaningless"? Why or why not?
- Ecclesiastes is part of the Bible's wisdom literature. What other books are included in this genre? (Think of Proverbs.) What purpose do these books serve? What is the significance of God's Word warning us not to remain alone?
- Have you found yourself in a situation where you needed help and didn't have anyone around you? What about when you were able to get help? What difference does having a strong community make in your life?
- Read [Joshua 1:9](#). Do you find this easy or difficult to trust about God? What would your life look like if you remembered that He was truly with you always, no matter what?



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RESPOND

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.