

# WEEK 2 - LEAVING LONELINESS BEHIND <br> THOMAS BLEVINS, EXECUTIVE PASTOR 

## ECCLESIASTES 4:12

Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

## HEBREWS 10:24-25

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## MATTHEW 19:14

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
(The stuff that sticks out to me)

WE ARE A CFURCH WBERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME, AND EVERYONE IS WANTED...INCLUDINE YOU!

## GOING DEEPER

(Some ideas to put it into practice)

## Questions to Ponder:

Guilt and shame are two different emotions, but sometimes we confuse them. Why do you think this is?

Since the Garden of Eden, God has designed man to be in community with others. Why is community so important to our well-being?

Of all the characters mentioned today, which one do you feel represents you the best?

## A Verse to Memorize:

Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. - Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)

## Take a Step:

Find time this week to reconnect with someone, or grab a coffee with a friend. Be intentional about creating community.

## ALL IN, TOGETHER

General Budget
2023 Weekly Budget: \$10,187
Given October 15th: $\$ 5,245$
Difference:
$(\$ 4,942)$
2023 Annual Budget: $\$ 529,724$
2023 Budget YTD:
\$427,854
2023 Given YTD:
\$370,204
Difference:
$(\$ 57,650)$

## Build Your Church Fund

BYC October 15th:
\$1,011
BYC YTD:
\$163,087
BYC Total Given:
\$481,963

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