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MCA
DISCUSSION GUIDE

AUGUST 8

THE POWER OF TEAMWORK

Sermon Outline

Key verse

*Two are better than one,
because they have a good return
for their labor:*

*¹⁰ If either of them falls down,
one can help the other up.*

*But pity anyone who falls
and has no one to help them up.*

*¹¹ Also, if two lie down together,
they will keep warm.*

*But how can one keep warm
alone?*

*¹² Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves.*

*A cord of three strands is not
quickly broken.*

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Better Together

1. God created us to be together

Two are better than one...

Ecclesiastes 4:9

2. God created us to work
together

*Two are better than one,
because they have a good return
for their labor*

Ecclesiastes 4:9

3. God created us to support each
other

*¹⁰ If either of them falls down,
one can help the other up.*

Ecclesiastes 4:10

Opening Thought

Teams can do amazing things when they work together. This is true in athletics as well as in our work lives. What does that mean for us as followers of Jesus? God's design for our lives is to journey with other believers as a team. So that our labor for God's kingdom will be more effective, and so we can be there for one another during difficulties and opposition.

Icebreaker

- Did you enjoy team sports when you were young? Why or why not?

Discussion Questions

- What would it truly look like for believers to journey together with one another? What are some practical ways your group can walk in deeper relationships with one another?
- How can we work together to extend God's kingdom on earth? Brainstorm some ideas and then choose one to put into action.
- When other "team members" fall down, how can we be there for them? If you are the one who falls down to anxiety, depression, pain, financial hardships, sin, sickness, tragedy, weariness, emotional pain, etc., how would you like to have fellow Christians there for you?
- How can we as team members help each other in our spiritual battles?

Next Steps

- Identify your strengths and join a ministry team.
- Get coffee with someone this week and let them into your deeper struggles.