



PART 2: PEOPLE LOOKING FOR HELP

What if people don't only show up to church when life is going great? What if they show up because they need help, and they know the church can help? The question isn't whether people need Jesus; it's whether they have friends and a church willing to get them help.

CONNECT

When life gets difficult, what's your default posture: handle it privately, look for help, or something else?

LEARN

You will watch a shortened version of a message from this series to set up your group discussion. Watch the full message sometime this week to further explore what you talked about today.

APPLY

After sharing what stood out from the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. Why do you think so many people try to pursue faith individually instead of through a community of other believers?
2. What stands out to you about the four friends in this story?
3. Joel asks, "Do you have four friends who would know where to take you for help and stop at nothing to get you there?" How would you honestly answer that question? If you don't have those friends, how could you build this type of friendship?
4. What would have to change in your life for people to be convinced that when they showed up to your home or church, they'd be expected, accepted, and connected to real help?

BEFORE NEXT TIME

Identify one person in your life who may need help but can't get there on their own.

Ask yourself, *what's one practical way I could help carry their mat?* If you're the one in need, consider this: who might God be inviting you to let help you?



PRAY

Heavenly Father, your chosen method for providing the type of supernatural help that only you can provide is through your church. We pray today that we would take a step toward you, and we would find hope and the help we need in our lives. God, help us to be the kind of church that's not only expecting and accepting but also connecting people to you and to things that will help them in their midst of need. Amen.