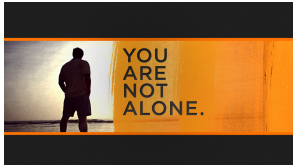


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It Is Not Good To Be Alone

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It is not good for man to be alone. Genesis 2:18

You may eat freely the fruit of every tree in the garden – except the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die. Genesis 2:16-17

We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags. Like autumn leaves, we wither and fall, and our sins sweep us away like the wind. Isaiah 64:6

God Chose You

But before they were born, before they had done anything good or bad, she received a message from God. (This message shows that God chooses people according to His own purposes; He calls people, but not according to their good or bad works). Romans 9:11, 12

You did not choose Me but I chose you. John 15:16

God is Drawing You to Himself

For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me, and at the last day I will raise them up. John 6:44

We know what real love is because Jesus gave up His life for us. 1 John 3:16

God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love – not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. 1 John 4:9,10

But to all those who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn – not with



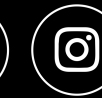
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physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, BUT a birth that comes from God. John 1:12, 13

God will give You a New Identity

We know that our sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with Him. We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and HE will never die again. Romans 6:6-9

TALK IT OVER! For your LifeGroup*, accountability partner, and further growth...

What are you looking forward to most in the New Year?

If you could describe 2020 in food terms, what would you say about it? (Example: sweet and sour, bitter, delicious, something I had to eat but I didn't want to, I ate too much, etc)

Curt talked about 3 things that loneliness grabs onto in our lives: Purpose. Value. Love. When you think about those things, how has being or feeling alone affected your life (currently or historically)?

Our purpose, value and love have meaning because God chose us, His love is drawing us to Him and He welcomes us into His family. At what point in your life did you come to understand these truths?

When you think about all that God has done to bring you close to Him, which has the deepest impact on you?

Is there anything in your life now that seems to be blocking your connection to God?

How can this group pray for you this week?

Is there anyone who you can share this message with this week?

*A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing through times like these. For more information, connect with Pastor Len at len@marinerscc.org