

# MESSAGE NOTES

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## WHEN TROUBLE COMES – COMMUNITY!

### Doing Community Together

1. Belonging, Care, Growth, Accountability happen in circles . . . not rows
2. It's easier to stumble and stay away when you are "going it solo" in the pew
3. Stumbling in faith and staying away is much less likely when you're doing life in community

### Community is the Difference-Maker when . . .

1. \_\_\_\_\_ comes

*"In this world you will have trouble."*

John 16:33b

Life's issues: birth, death, health, finances, loneliness, relationships, stress

Life's \_\_\_\_\_ issues \_\_\_\_\_ us up

*"Impossible it is for stumbling blocks not to come . . . "*

Luke 17:1

Stumbling issues:

- Stumbling out of New Year's resolutions
- Stumbling in your relationship with God – the trouble of sin's temptations
- Stumbling out of church and no one notices
- Stumbling out of a relationship with God – eternal ramifications

A "Stumbling Issue" - The Magi's better decision

Matthew 2

3. Life Wisdom is usually developed out of trouble, stumbling, and failure. Solomon understood – we do too

*Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: 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. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. Ec. 4:9-12*

When you stumble, you will need \_\_\_\_\_ what you desire \_\_\_\_\_.

### When Trouble and Stumbling Come – Community!

1. Time to do some \_\_\_\_\_ - establish a foundation that is \_\_\_\_\_ to withstand life's "earthquakes"
2. Relationships of \_\_\_\_\_ that are given \_\_\_\_\_ to speak into your life
3. People who \_\_\_\_\_ with you for Spirit-power to do the right things and the follow up for \_\_\_\_\_