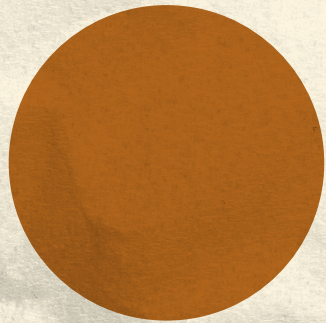
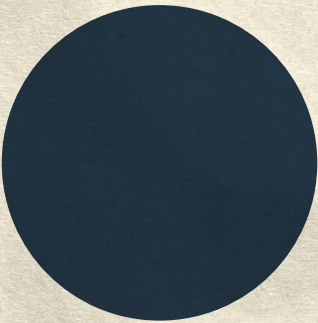




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Shoulder to Shoulder

Group Study



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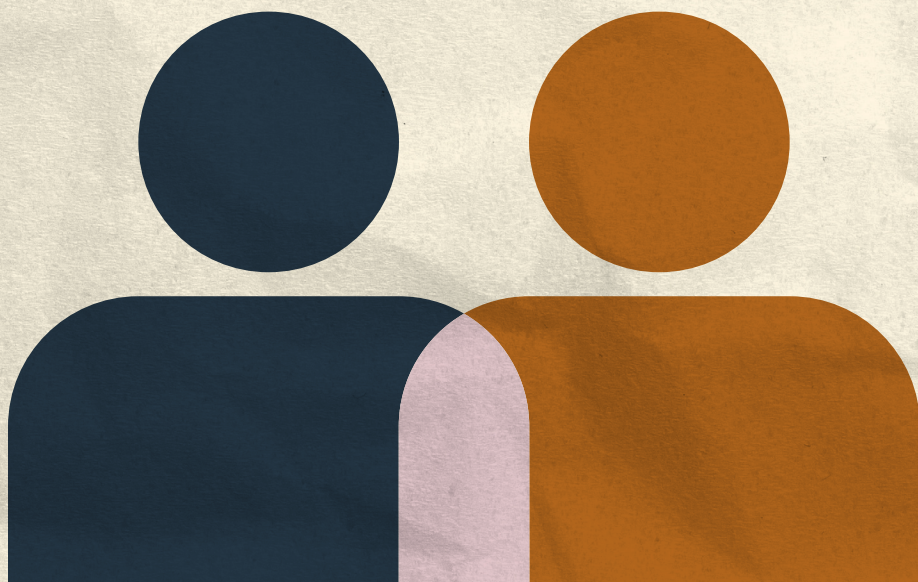


Introduction

Partners Go Together —

Who are you going with? Where are you going together?

Everyone wants meaningful relationships that make life better. Great friendships and partnerships are formed shoulder to shoulder, with a shared purpose. Find the joy, support, and challenge that God has in mind for you to become more like him, together.



“Shoulder to Shoulder” Group Study - Introduction

Welcome to the Shoulder to Shoulder group study! The Discovery Study method used here is a simple set of questions to help you and a few others look at a passage of the Bible and hear from God. No matter your experience level with the Bible, working through these questions with others can help you discover, do, and share what God is telling you right now. Each study should take around 90 minutes in total, although each study may vary slightly. Do whatever works best for you and your people!

This first week will look a little bit different. Before jumping into some Old Testament partnerships, spend some time setting goals and discussing expectations together! There is always so much potential and expectation that comes along with a newly formed group. God is always up to something when he brings people together, which is a great way to discover what that is with one another.

Below are a few helpful questions to ponder as you look at the beginning of the church, the first group of Christians to ever come together! There is so much to learn. These passages showcase the earliest Christian group and ask some good questions to consider how your group can look like theirs did in all the best ways.

Read Acts 2:42-47

- What was the first group of Jesus followers committed to doing together?
- What was the end result of community in the early church?
- What can our group not afford to miss from Acts 2?
- How will you think well about how your group might “add to your number” and invite others to discover Jesus with you?
 - » *What will we do now that will help us multiply this group in the future?*
- How will our group obey what we’ve read in this Scripture?
 - » *What will your part individually be?*

After reading and discussing the passage, ask:

- How is what we read in Acts 2 similar or different to what you were expecting or hoping for in a group?



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Adam & Eve

Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

— **Genesis 2:22-24**



Adam & Eve - Session 1

Welcome to the next session of the Shoulder to Shoulder group study! The questions below will help you dive into Discovery around another Old Testament partnership!

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Genesis 2:7, 15-18, 22-25 Genesis 3:1-13, 16

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Moses & Aaron

But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else." Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you. You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him. But take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it." —**Exodus 4:13–17**



Moses & Aaron - Session 2

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Exodus 4:10-16; 27-31; Numbers 12:1-16

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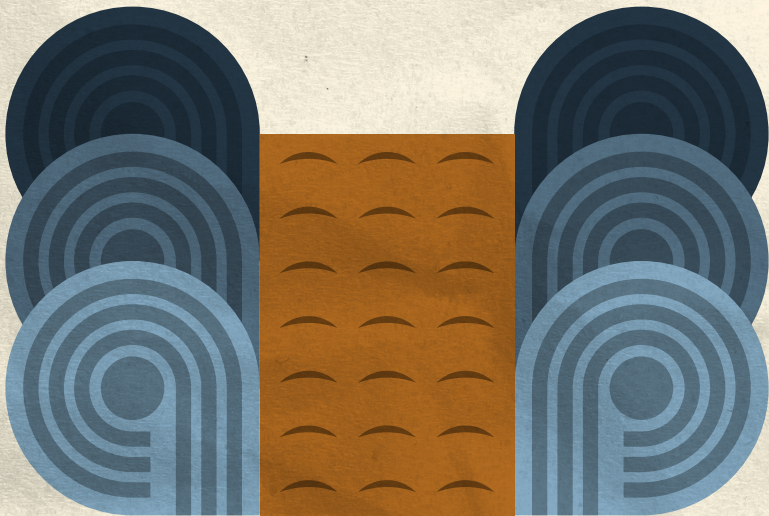
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Moses & Joshua - Session 3

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Numbers 27:15-23; Deuteronomy 31:1-9

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Joshua & Caleb

Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes and said to the entire Israelite assembly, "The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them." — **Numbers 14:6–9**



Joshua & Caleb - Session 4

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Numbers 13:1-3; Numbers 13:25-14:9

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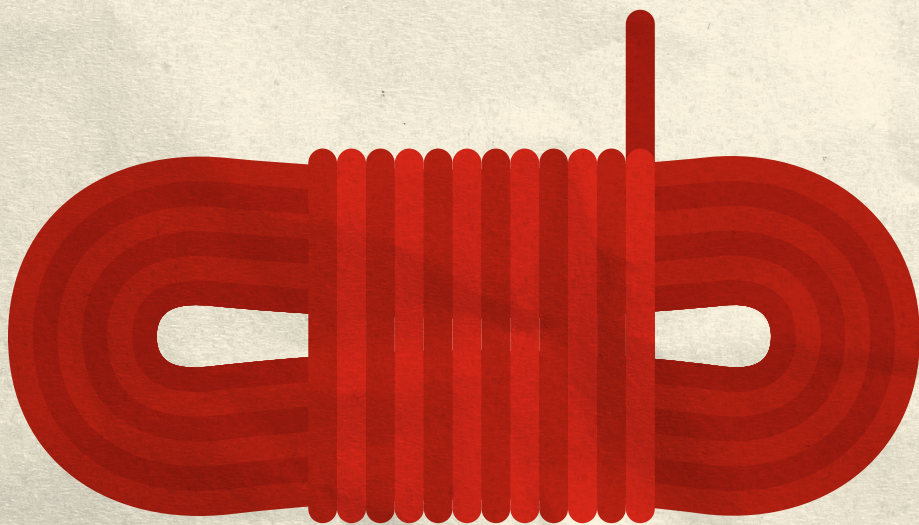
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Joshua & Rahab

Then they burned the whole city and everything in it, but they put the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron into the treasury of the Lord's house. But Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho—and she lives among the Israelites to this day. — **Joshua 6:24–25**



Joshua & Rahab - Session 5

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Joshua 2:1-24; 6:17, 22-25

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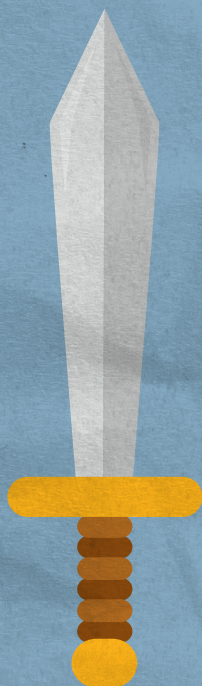
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David & Jonathan

So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, “May the Lord call David’s enemies to account.” And Jonathan had David reaffirm his oath out of love for him, because he loved him as he loved himself. —**1 Samuel 20:16–17**



David & Jonathan - Session 6

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1 Samuel 20:1-4, 12-23, 30-42

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David & Nathan

David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity." Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man!" — **2 Samuel 12:5-7a**



David & Nathan - Session 7

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2 Samuel 12:1-25

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Esther & Mordecai

When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

—**Esther 4:12-14**



Esther & Mordecai - Session 8

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Esther 4:1-17; 8:3-8; 9:29-31

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