**BETTER Series**

**“Together is BETTER”**

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***“When you run alone, you run fast. But when you run together, you run far.” - Zambian Proverb***

***Proverbs 27:10 Never abandon a friend— either yours or your father’s. When disaster strikes, you won’t have to ask your brother for assistance. It’s better to go to a neighbor than to a brother who lives far away.***

***Proverbs 27:6 Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy.***

***Proverbs 27:5 An open rebuke is better than hidden love!***

***Ecclesiastes 4:12 A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.***

***Acts 2:1-4 On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.***

**TOGETHER WITH GOD’S SPIRIT**

* **It just doesn’t get any BETTER than that!**

**DO YOU HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS?**

**DO YOU HAVE A SHARED RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS?**

 ***“Together is Better” is what one would call a great relationship with God. The ability to walk with God in all aspects of your life is better together then when you are struggling and always competing with God and where God wants to take you.***

***As far as my experiences with Coast Hills I’d say that I have experienced “Together is Better” as I try daily to fulfill God’s wishes and learn from my sins/issues with myself. I can work on making my life better is through the Life Group team and they allow me to open up and talk freely about myself in an aid to “Together is Better.” – Coast Hiller***

***Acts 2:42-47 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper, and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.***

**“TOGETHER” IS:**

1. **A MUCH BETTER WAY OF LIFE.**

***They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42***

**\_\_\_\_\_ Experiencing the Bible together**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Doing Life together**

***My experience at CH started almost 3 yrs ago when a few moms of young toddlers started meeting weekly to support, encourage and spend time in God’s word. At the time I just wanted to connect with other Christianmoms but it was better than that – I developed true friendships with these women... we laugh, cry and pray together and I LOVE them. Together IS better!! – Coast Hiller***

***“Doing life with my ladies life group has been a huge blessing to me! I feel God’s love in a real and personal way as we have prayed together, cried together, laughed together, shared meals together and studied and grown in God’s Word together. The encouragement and love that I receive touches my heart deeply. I thank God for each one of these amazing women.” – Coast Hiller***

**\_\_\_\_\_ Breaking Bread together**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Sharing Prayer together**

**2) PRODUCES MUCH BETTER RESULTS.**

***All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Acts 2:44-45***

***Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. Acts 2:43***

***Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:46-47***