

CONVERSATION STARTERS

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LEADER CHECK-IN

1. As an additional connection experience for your group this winter, check out our [Winter Short-Term Life Groups](#). If you have people in your group who would benefit from an extra connection point, or if you'd like to participate in one of these topics together as a group, [sign up](#) today!

GET STARTED

1. For those who've been reading through the [Sermon on the Mount](#) as part of our [January challenge](#), how's it been going? What challenged or inspired you this week? How has the discipline of daily bible reading been shaping your habits and routines?
2. Feel free to [watch this week's service](#) as a group or [revisit the message](#) for review.

READ

1. Read [Genesis 2:18](#). What do you picture when you hear the word "helper" in this passage? How did this week's message change your understanding of this word?

REFLECT

1. What would you say the pandemic has been revealing about some of your closest friendships? As you heard the reflection questions in the message, would you say you have many 'helpmate-level' friendships?
2. What makes helpmate living seem hard or unnatural? What about helpmate-living inspires you?
3. Review the ["You've heard, but I say"](#) dynamics of helpmate living as described in the scriptures. Which one of these helpmate dynamics do you think you need most in your life these days?

RESPOND

1. In what ways can your group grow in 'helpmate-level' friendship? What opportunities might your group have to go deeper? What limitations exist in experiencing helpmate relationship in a group setting?
2. Who can you have a deeper conversation with this week to say you want to commit to being helpmate friends this year? In a one-on-one way with that friend, unpack the ideas of this week's message and commit to growing in some helpmate dynamics together.
3. If you haven't yet, it's not too late to participate in our [January challenge](#) of reading the [Sermon on the Mount](#), giving our time and attention to Jesus's most famous words that have the power to totally transform our lives.