



#CircleUp

*January 14, 2018*

# MESSAGE NOTES

#CircleUp | Part 1

*So David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. Soon his brothers and all his other relatives joined him there. Then others began coming—men who were in trouble or in debt or who were just discontented—until David was the captain of about 400 men.*

1 Samuel 22:1-2 (NLT)

**To grow \_\_\_\_\_, you have to be connected \_\_\_\_\_.** -Andy Stanley

*Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? 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.*

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NLT)

**What are the obstacles that keep me from living in community?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Lack of \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Unrealistic \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

*Some brave and experienced warriors from the tribe of Gad also defected to David while he was at the stronghold in the wilderness. They were expert with both shield and spear, as fierce as lions and as swift as deer on the mountains.*

1 Chronicles 12:8 (NLT)

# GRACE NEWS

*If you want more information or to volunteer with any of these opportunities, please make a note on the Let's Connect card.*

**TODAY at 11:00 am – 12 Steps, a Spiritual Journey** informational meeting. Curious about a 12-step program even if you are not an addict? Do you have a hurt, habit or hang up (workaholic, co-pendency, anger, abuse, pornography, gambling, etc....)? Find out more about this transformational journey after the service in the Gathering Place.

**January 17th, ALPHA Course continues**, 6:00 pm potluck, followed by a short video and discussion, finishing by 8:00 pm. Come join us as we explore together the basic questions of our Christian faith. This would be a great time to invite a friend who could benefit from some spiritual answers.

**February 11th, 5-7 pm SMALL GROUP BASH** - Join us for food, laughter, and a chance to connect with a Small Group.

**Grace t-shirts** are now available for \$10.00 each after the service in the Gathering Place.

**Beach Baptisms** are coming up! If you are interested in being Baptized, please indicate on your 'Let's Connect' card or call the office.

**gBay** is looking for someone to post items to eBay, Craigslist, Facebook marketplace, etc.... For more information, please indicate on your 'Connect' card.

**Hospital** - If you or someone you know are hospitalized, please call the office to let us know if you need prayer or would like the Pastor to visit.

# LET'S CONNECT

PLEASE TEAR OUT AND DROP IN BOXES AS YOU EXIT

Date:     /     /      1st Time Visitor

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday:     /     /      Male    Female

I would like to meet with the pastor.

## MY DECISION TODAY

- I said **YES** for the first time, and became a follower of Jesus.
- I decided to **RENEW** my relationship with Jesus.

*We have resources to help you with your decision.*

# PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

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Public Prayer List     For Pastors Only

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

## SMART GIVING

go to: [egracechurch.com/give](http://egracechurch.com/give)

-OR-

text any amount to: 941.200.1515

An effective and time-saving way to give your tithes and offerings without carrying cash or writing checks.



# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Pastor's Bible Study** - Tuesday mornings, 7:30am at the Vamo Starbucks (8394 S Tamiami Trail) ALL are welcome!

**Step Up** – AA meeting Wednesday mornings at 7:00 am in the Gathering Place Meeting room.

**Prayer hour** – Wednesdays, noon – 1 pm in the Worship Center. Come to a quiet place to pray, pray over requests or if you are in need of prayer.

**Alpha Course** – Wednesdays 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Potluck starts at 6:00 followed by teaching and discussion around the Christian faith.

**2nd & 4th Thursday of the month, Sprout - Community breakfast** is served at 9:00am followed by food distribution by All Faiths Food Bank from 10:00 – 11:30.

**Community Clothing Connection** - Open during Sprout hours the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 10:00 – 11:30 am.

**Faith & Fellowship bible study** – 9:00 am, Saturdays At the Potter's Park Pavilion. Coffee and donuts served during a Bible study – Church Can Happen Anywhere! Please join us or let us know if you would like to volunteer.



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