



## 09/19/2021 "Loneliness"

1. What stood out to you most from Sunday's message? Why?
2. Pastor John has spent a lot of time over the past couple of weeks talking about metaphor. What are some key indicators that you are reading metaphor?
3. How can metaphor convey truth?
4. Read Genesis 2:18-25. What influence does this passage have on your understanding of loneliness?
5. When you think of your relationships, do you tend to have many or few?
6. Can you think of one relationship that is most helpful or meaningful? What makes it so?
7. How does man's giving of his rib symbolize a deep reality of life-changing relationships?
8. Read John 15:9-13. Love requires sacrifice, laying something down. What does this mean?
9. Sacrificing and giving up something of yourself can be taken to an unhealthy level. What does laying down oneself for a relationship include and not include?
10. How does Jesus' life inform our understanding of John 15:9-13?
11. What could this look like in your group? As you get to know each other, how can you establish meaningful relationships?
12. What can you do at your next group gathering to strengthen relationships so that you're not just discussing the sermon?