



How Will We Stay Connected? Sermon Study Guide 9/18/16 **The Story Houston**

Guiding Questions for Chapter Meetings or Solo Study:

Who do you consider 'family'? Do you look forward to "dwelling together" with them (Ps. 133)? Why or why not?

Do you ever struggle to stay connected to your family? What factors make staying connected difficult for you?

Eric talked about taking his family for granted. Why do you think we often live on auto-pilot?

What is the "poison of the ordinary"? Who, or what, do you tend to take for granted?

Have you ever experienced a wake-up call? What happened, and how did it change your perspective?

Scripture and Quotes:

"How good it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together in community!" - Psalm 133:1

"Christianity means community...The physical presence of other Christians is a source of incomparable joy and strength to the believer...It is true, of course, that what is an unspeakable gift of God for the lonely individual is easily disregarded and trodden under foot by those who have the gift every day. It is grace, nothing but grace, that we are allowed to live in community with Christian brethren."
D. Bonhoeffer, Life Together

"It's Satan's agent of familiarity. His mission is clear and total: 'Take nothing from your victim; cause him only to take everything for granted.' He won't steal your salvation; he'll just make you forget what it was like to be lost...He won't take your children, he'll just make you too busy to notice them. His whispers to procrastinate are seductive...you forget that the faces around your table will soon be at tables of their own. Hence, books go unread, hearts go unnurtured, and opportunities go ignored. All because the poison of the ordinary has deadened your senses to the magic of the moment." -

M. Lucado

