

- f. "Through you, Wonderful you, I have discovered A little more of myself." -- Maire Dee L.
- g. "God loves and heals persons through other person, in the intimacy of personal relationships." --Donald Stuart
- h. "We cannot live without other people; we cannot live easily with other people. Here lies much of the difficulty of being human." --Donald McCulloch

Our need for other human beings points to the fact that we are not absolute beings that we creatures with needs. These deeper needs though, go beyond what any human being can fill. That is why even in the midst of a loving community many feel empty, something is amiss. We need more than just our fellow human beings; we need God.

## OPEN UP

Revisit your attitudes towards relationship in general and specifically, on the people around you. Are you appreciative of them, or are you taking them for granted? Do you feel that some of these relationships are more of a burden to you? Are you tired of them? Are you tempted to think that it would have been better if you do not have them in your life? Are you cold in your dealings? Are you afraid of getting into intimate relationships? Share some of these concerns and feelings to the group.

## WORK OUT

What do you need to do in order to have a better appreciation of the people in your life and be able to relate with them better.

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# PEOPLE IN NEED

**Session Objective:** To emphasize that relationship with other people is an indispensable part of our being human.

## GET STARTED

Share briefly about one of the gadgets or items that is most critical to your work right now, or to which you are very dependent that losing it would equal a work or life sabotage.

## REFLECT

### 1. Cast Away

The 2000 film *Cast Away*, is about a Fed Ex employee named Chuck Nolan (Tom Hanks) who survived a sea crash and got marooned in an uninhabited island.

After some time, the need for a companion compelled Chuck to make a face of out of the volley ball he found among the debris, named him Wilson, after its brand, and made it his personal companion. The film depicts him absurdly making regular conversation and even arguments from time from time with Wilson. After four years of being stranded in the island with Wilson, Chuck discovered a part of a portable toilet. He turned into a sail and head out into the open sea in his make shift raft. But on an unfortunate moment, Wilson fell into the water which made Chuck deeply grieve for his lost friend.

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Just how far-extending is our need for another human being that it can even compel a person to fabricate one, when there is none? This is one of the questions that the film throws at its audience. Ponder on this as a group. Write some of your answers on the line.

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**2. People**

*People, People who need people,  
Are the luckiest people in the world  
We're children, needing other children  
And yet letting a grown-up pride  
Hide all the need inside  
Acting more like children than children  
Lovers are very special people  
They're the luckiest people in the world  
With one person one very special person  
A feeling deep in your soul  
Says you were half now you're whole  
No more hunger and thirst  
But first be a person who needs people*

**a. What does the song mean in stating that, "People who need people, Are the luckiest people in the world?"**

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**b. What does the song mean in the following lines:**

*We're children, needing other children  
And yet letting a grown-up pride  
Hide all the need inside  
Acting more like children than children*

**c. According to the song what is the key in fulfilling the need**

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**d. Why do you think some people pretend not to need others? Write your answers below.**

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**3. Reflect and share your thoughts on the following quotations:**

- a. *"The Lord God said, 'It is not good for man to be alone. —Gen.2: 18*
- b. *"No one can develop freely in the world without feeling understood by at least one person." --Dr. Paul Tournier*
- c. *"It is an absolute human certainty that no one can know his own beauty or perceive a sense of his own worth until it has been reflected back to him in the mirror of another loving, caring, human being." — John Powell*
- d. *"Relationships are essential because your alternatives are loneliness, isolation and ego loss. And your best indication of your health as a human person is how many lasting, meaningful, deep relationships you have." —Leo Buscaglia*
- e. *"When a person is unable to relate adequately to others or finds serious difficulty in doing so, a neurotic state usually exists or is in the process of developing." —Edgar N. Jackson*