

Life Group Questions

1. What are qualities that you desire in a close friend?

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2. "Jesus is more human than we are because he understood the fullness of temptation. The one who withstands temptation knows its full force because he saw through to its very end and did not succumb to it." What does this truth mean to you and your relationship with Jesus?

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3. Which truth ministers to your heart most and why?:

- It wasn't an outsider who died on the cross. He was one of us and could truly offer a sacrifice on our behalf.
- Jesus can sympathize with and intercede for us.
- Jesus manifests the true nature of humanity.
- Jesus is our example.
- Human nature is good.
- God is not totally transcendent. He is the living God who acts within the human realm today.

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4. "This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me" (John 15:12-15, NLT).

Reflect & Discuss this Scripture however the Spirit leads you.

5. Quiet Time Application:  
Write down the names of your closest same-sex friends. What level of intimacy are you at with each one based on the scale below:

**Level One:** Clichés or "I know of you..." and a simple "bouncing off of one another"

**Level Two:** Facts or "I know facts about you..." (name, age, where you were born, marital status, etc)

**Level Three:** Opinions or "I know your personal views on...." Sports, politics, theology, etc.

**Level Four:** Feelings or "I know what makes you... [or] how you feel about..." joy, excitement, appreciation, hurt, disappointment, successes, failures, etc.

**Level Five:** Deepest Needs or "I know your brokenness... I know your dreams..."

What level do you want to be at with each one?

What can you do to begin pursuing closer intimacy with your designated friend(s)?

(Note: Every relationship demands risk. Will you take a risk in friendship this season of your life?)

Name

Current Level

Desired Level

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