

**“The Necessity of Friendship”**  
***Forging Friendships Series***  
**Discussion Questions**

- **Circles of Friendship Exercise:**
  - Go to [clearcreekresources.org/community](http://clearcreekresources.org/community) and download the **Circles of Friendship Exercise**
  - Share your reflections.
    - What surprised you?
    - Are you encouraged, discouraged, or somewhere in between?
  - What will you do in light of this exercise?
- **Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation**
  - How do you see loneliness and isolation showing up in our culture?
  - What does it look like for you?
  - Are you satisfied with the number and depth of friendship you have?
- **Read Genesis 2:18-20**
  - This is a passage that points to a specific kind of relationship (i.e. marriage), but what can it tell us about human relationships in general?
  - Why is it significant that God says something is “not good” before the Fall? (In other words, what does it tell us about our need for relationships?)
  - What does the Trinity (i.e. God eternally existing as one God in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) tell us about the necessity of community?
- **Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 & Proverbs 18:24**
  - What stands out to you about friendship in these passages?
- **Read Luke 7:34 & John 15:13-14**
  - What stands out to you about friendship with Jesus in these passages?
  - How do you become a friend of Jesus?
- **Application & Reflection**
  - As you think about friendships, what emotions come up?
  - What do you hope to learn in this sermon series?
  - How can this group help each other to grow in forging deep relationships?