What are the Keys to Finding Good Friends?

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KEY VERSES

- Proverbs 13:20
- Proverbs 22:24-25
- Luke 15:11-16
- Proverbs 17:17
- Proverbs 18:24
- Proverbs 27:9
- Proverbs 27:5-6
- Proverbs 27:17



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1. Find friends that stick with you through thick and thin.
- 2. Find friends that let you know that you're never alone no matter what you're facing.
- 3. Find friends that speak truth to you, even when the truth hurts.
- 4. Find friends that sharpen you...this takes intentional and purposeful time with others.
- 5. Jesus is the truest friend that you have...let Him take your burdens.



TALK ABOUT IT

- 1. This sermon emphasizes finding good friends. Think about your friendships that you have. Would you say that they are good or bad friends?
- 2. Why do you think finding good friendships is so important to following Christ?
- 3. The book of Proverbs describes a "friend that sticks closer than a brother." What does this kind of friend look like? Who are you a friend to in this way?
- 4. How comfortable are you when your friends correct you and call out your wrongs? How often do your friends bring truth to you?
- 5. Sharpening someone else takes great effort. What does it look like in your friendships to practice this sharpening? How can you be a more purposeful friend to others?



APPLY IT

- 1. This week, spend time praying with another close friend. Pray God's blessings over them and ask them to pray for you also.
- 2. Spend some time this week praising Jesus for being the greatest friend and master that you can have. Tell Him three ways that He blesses you with friendship.
- 3. Ask God to open your eyes to see people as He sees them. Ask Him to give you more opportunities to encourage people this week.