

# COURAGEOUS FRIENDSHIP

## Session #0: A Vision for Courageous Friendship

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### Opening Question

When you hear the phrase "courageous friendship," what comes to mind? What makes friendship require courage?

### Sermon Content Recap

In the *Vision Sunday* sermon, Pastor Mike gave us 5 key questions to ask to help us access what scripture teaches about being a courageous friend:

1. What is righteous? (gospel awareness)
2. What is caring? (gospel tact)
3. What is necessary? (gospel conflict)
4. What is proper engagement? (gospel humility)
5. What is true? (gospel exhortation)

# Major Themes Discussion

## Large Group Discussion

How does having a gospel-saturated framework for honest conversations equip us for both discipleship and evangelism in our day-to-day lives?

## Break-out Groups

1. Nathan chose to tell David a story rather than confront him directly. When might an indirect approach be more loving and effective? When might directness be necessary?
2. Nathan grounded his confrontation in God's Word and will. How does Scripture equip us to bring truth to bear in our relationships? Can you think of a time when God's Word gave you courage to speak truth?

## Large Group

The sermon asked: "Why are followers of Christ seemingly less joyful at times, less peaceful, less patient than the average person?" How would you answer that question?

# Application

1. Corporate (What does this mean for **us** as *City Church*?) In our *disposition*? In our *communal practices*?
2. Personal (What does this mean for **me** as a *Christian*?) In my *disposition* toward neighbors, coworkers, classmates, etc.? In my daily *practices* of honesty and hospitality?

# Next Week: The Source of Gospel Friendship