

# COURAGEOUS FRIENDSHIP

## Session #3: The Nature of Gospel Friendship

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### Opening Question

This lesson is going to ask a lot from us. If you can share about a friendship, other than a spouse if you are married, where you would say your souls are knitted together.

### Sermon Content Recap

“Friendship patterned after Christ involves personal intimacy and a selfless posture..”

1. Courageous Friendship is Soul-Deep (1 Samuel 18:1)
2. Courageous Friendship is Self-Sacrificing (1 Samuel 18:3-4)

### Key Takeaways

- The 4-G's
  - God is great so we do not need to be in control.
  - God is glorious so we do not need to fear others
  - God is good so we do not need to look elsewhere
  - God is gracious so we do not need to prove ourselves
- Intimacy - Into Me See- requires us to trust God with our friendships.
- We are to have relationships at each level of the concentric circles
  - Impersonal Relationships, Acquaintances, Casual Friends, Close Friends

### Large Group Discussion

What is required of us to move friendships towards the innermost circle? What is keeping us from doing that?

### 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 Blessing of Gospel Friendship

