

COURAGEOUS FRIENDSHIP

Session #3: The Nature of Gospel Friendship

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