

# Small Group Questions

Sermon: 2 July 2023



## Friendship



### **SCRIPTURE**

Luke 5:17-20

### **OVERVIEW**

Olly spoke to us on Sunday about following Jesus with our friendships. We based ourselves in Luke 5:17-20 and heard the story of the four friends carrying their paralysed friend on a mat to see Jesus.

We saw from this story how we should prioritise friendships with one another as they do us good and they are a gift from God. The four friends lowered the paralysed man through a hole they made in the roof of the house Jesus was teaching in. It was a risky move but they managed to get their friend to see Jesus.

In our friendships we can direct believers to Jesus through our friendships and also those

who don't know Jesus yet. We can do this through the way we live our lives, through our prayers and through our words.

## **QUESTIONS**

1. What do you think our culture says about friendship?
2. Read Luke 5:17-20. What was costly for the four friends in how they helped their paralysed friend in the story?
3. How can we prioritise our friends more in our lives?
4. Are there particular things that we do in our Christian friendship groups that could direct our friends towards Jesus or direct our friends towards temptation or sin?
5. How can we make sharing about Jesus more common place in our friendships with non-believers?

We see at the end of the story that Jesus heals the paralysed man, he forgives him of his sin and he calls him friend!

### **Prayer**

Take time in prayer to thank Jesus that he is a friend of sinners, he's your friend.

Pray for one another that we'd be able to prioritise and deepen our friendships.

Pray also that we'd be able to lead our friends towards Jesus