



Friendology

Week one - "Asking for a Friend"

John 15:12-17

Bottom line: Adult friendships are difficult to find, indescribably precious, and absolutely intended by God.

1. How have you experienced friendships - the good, the great, the bad, and the ugly?
2. What would you add to the list of reasons friendships in adults can be difficult to find or cultivate?
3. In his book, "Made for Friendship," Drew Hunter says, "Friendship should be more like a submarine, holding few and doing deep. But we've made it more like a cruise ship, filled with lots of nice people whom we don't know well at all."
 - a. How do you relate with this idea?
 - b. What are the relational terms we might use to describe our relationships with people so we don't overuse, or misuse, the idea of friendship?
4. What appeals to you about friendships that are vulnerable, costly, gritty, and committed? What scares you about those kinds of friendships?
5. Read John 15:12-17
 - a. What does it mean for Jesus to call us servants instead of friends?
 - b. How does Jesus describe friendship?
 - c. How does our love for each other look like the love Jesus had for us? How does it look different?
6. How would you like to work on building stronger friendships this summer? How can this group grow in friendship with each other?

Summer Reading list:

The Four Loves by C.S. Lewis
Befriend by Scott Sauls
Made for Friendship by Drew Hunter
No Greater Love by Rebecca McLaughlin
Find Your People by Jennie Allen

Bonus reading:

How to Know a Person by David Brooks
Crossing to Safety by Wallace Stegner