## Our Virtual

# PoverGroup Friends Week 2 Study

#### **Icebreaker**

Name one or two things your friends do that you feel make you a better person.

#### Passage 1 Acts 9:26-28 (NIV)

"When (Saul) came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, <u>not believing that he really was a disciple</u>. But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, <u>speaking boldly in the name of the Lord</u>."

Reflection What kind of friendship does this scripture demonstrate?
Why is it valuable to have a friend who believes in you?
Who has been an encourager in your life?

### Passage 2 1 Samuel 23:15-16(NIV) and Ecclesiastes 4:9-11 (NIV)

"While David was at Horesh in the Desert of Ziph, he learned that Saul had come out to take his life. And Saul's son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God."

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?"

Reflection What kind of friendship do these scriptures demonstrate?
Why is it important to have friends who stick by and help you?
Who has been a faithful companion in your life?

#### Passage 3 2 Samuel 12:7 (NIV) and Proverbs 27:5-6 (NLT)

"Then Nathan said to David, 'You are the man!'"

"An open rebuke is better than hidden love! 6 Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy."

Reflection What kind of friendship do these scriptures demonstrate? Why is it important to have a friend that tells you the truth? Who has been this kind of friend?

#### **Application**

What's one thing you can do this week to appreciate the friends in your life that are making you a better person?

If you do not have friends like this just know that Jesus is that friend. He believes in you, he sticks by and helps you and he always tells you the truth.

At The Source Church we love to do life together. PowerGroups is a great way to make these kinds of friendships. If you know of anyone who needs to know that Jesus is this kind of friend and also wants valuable friendships, invite them to join a PowerGroup.

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