

Our **Virtual**

# PowerGroup

**Friends**  
**Week 1 Study**

## Icebreaker

Write down the name of five of your closest friends. Of those five friends, which one would you classify as your closest friend? How has their friendship benefited your life?

## Passage 1 John 15:9-17 (NIV)

*"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other."*

**Reflection** Why is friendship important? What qualities do you look most for in a friend?

## Passage 2 Proverbs 13:20 and Proverbs 17:17 (NIV)

*"Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm."*

*"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity."*

**Reflection** How has social media impacted your friendships? Would you consider them better or worse?

A quote from Craig Groeschel says, "Show me your friends and I'll show you your future." How have you experienced this truth in your life?

How would your friends say they handle conflict? Like a . . .

- A. Gangster
- B. Politician
- C. Comedian

**Reflection** What do you despise most in your "friend" relationships?

- A. Dishonesty
- B. Insecurity
- C. Gossip

**Do you have the right friends? Do you feel you are getting adequate time with those friends?**

**Passage 3 James 5:13-20 (NIV)**

*"Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins."*

**Reflection** How well do your friends know you?

How well do you know your friends?

How present are you in your friendships? How transparent are you?  
What are some of the things that keep you from having truly authentic friendships?

How could your Power Group help you in dealing with these weaknesses?

**Application**

**If there is one thing you need to work on in the topic of friendship, what is it and what are you going to do about it? Are there any weaknesses you want us to pray for?**

**Journal**