



# *friendship*

BUILDING A  
FRIENDSHIP

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## Week 1: Friendship with God

We accept friendship from God – by faith and experience Spirit filled love through obedience.

## Week 2: Becoming Better Friends

We become better friends unified through the gospel that minimizes selfishness by engaging us in service to one another.

Friendship is . . .

***phílos*** – a friend; someone *dearly* loved (prized) in a personal, intimate way; a trusted *confidant*, held dear in a close bond of personal affection.

The root (***phil-***)

conveys *experiential, personal* affection – indicating (***phílos***) expresses *experience-based* love.

**So how do I build this kind of friendship?**

1 Peter 4: 8-10

8 Above all, keep **loving** one another **earnestly**, since love covers a multitude of sins. 9 **Show hospitality** to one another without grumbling. 10 As each has received a gift, use it to **serve one another**, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Build friendship by . . .

- Connecting
- Communication



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## Connecting

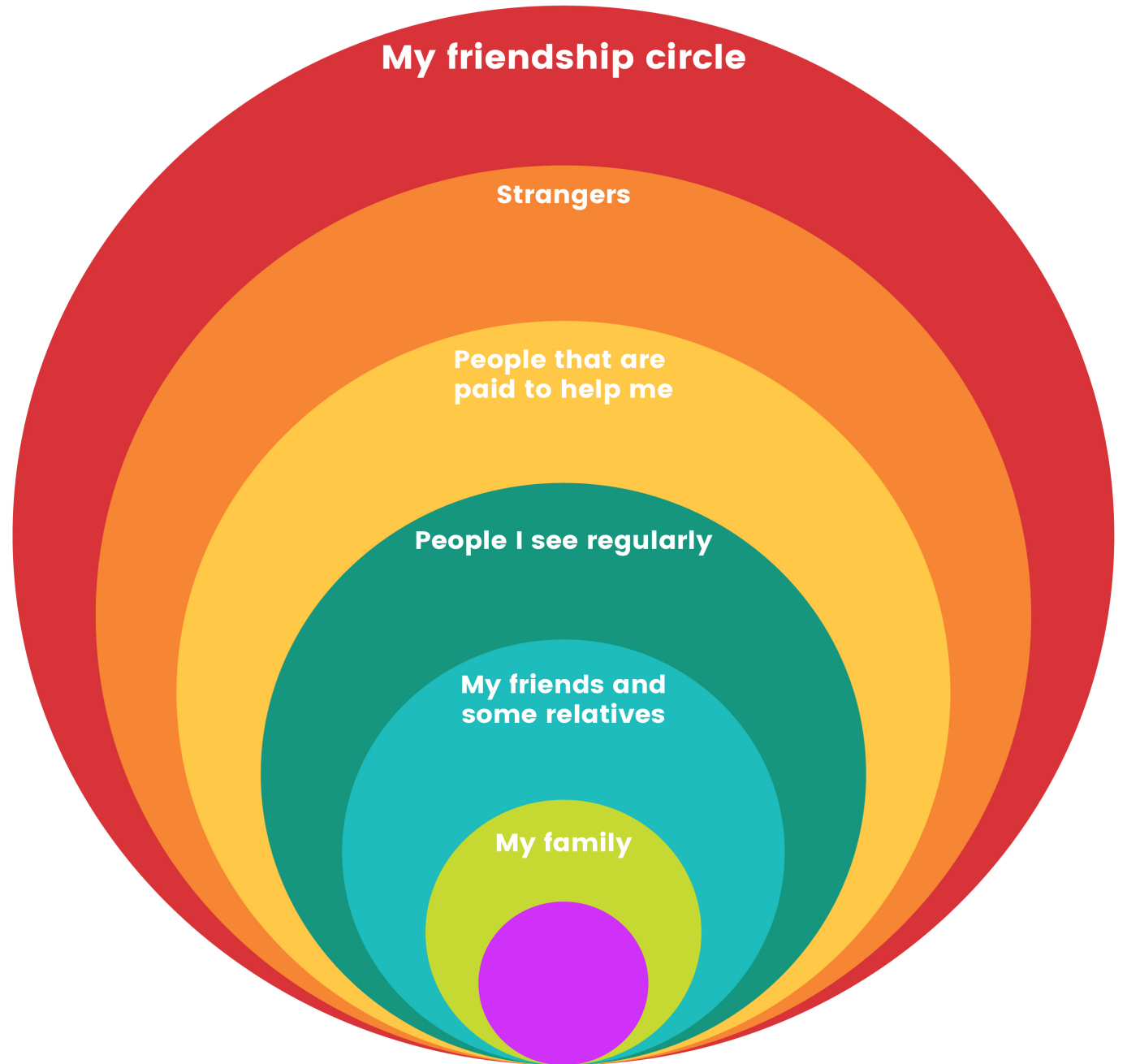
Vision (Burden) – WHO?

Proximity – WHERE?

Time – WHEN?



Who has God placed in  
my Circle of Friendship?



“My friend is the one  
whose need I can meet,  
not one who meets my  
need.” Gary Ingrig







## APPLICATIONS

Who is near you?

What is their need?

What can I do?

Will I take the time?