

The Art of Friending (Week 3)

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Discussion and Questions:

1. Who remembers the verse? (Shhhh. Proverbs 13:20 - walk with the wise and become wise for a companion of fools suffers harm.)
2. Tell the group about one of your longest standing friendships. How long have you had it and why is it a success?
3. Three friendship tips are: Prioritise friendship, give permission and get uncomfortable. Making intentional time for your friends, allowing them to speak up when they have a concern about you and being authentic and vulnerable are all components of a healthy friendship. Do you think friendship should just come easily or is one that costs you something a good thing?
4. Why do you think some people pull back quickly when friendships get tough? What can we learn about ourselves when we look closely at these reasons and how can knowing God help us overcome them?
5. Jesus modelled three important principles when it comes to relationships. Be accepting, inclusive and servant-oriented. Jesus has friends that we can read about in the Gospels like Mary, Martha and Lazarus and His three closest disciples, John, Peter and James. What do these relationships reveal to us about the humanity of Jesus?
6. Who do you plan to spend time with next Sunday instead of “normal” church? Pray for each other’s plans now; that friendships will be strengthened as a result.

Upcoming dates:

- CORE - Monday 20 February 7.30pm start or 7pm for light dinner
- Sunday February 26th – No church in the morning – special time set aside for you to develop a friendship.
- Sunday March 5th – NextGen info afternoon for parents of kids and youth.