

Group Discussion

INTRODUCTION

How do friendships last the test of time and weather storms? What if being together became more significant than the emptiness of being alone? What would you do differently to hold onto a good friend?

GETTING STARTED

1. Talk about your best friend. How did you meet? What keeps this friendship going? How have you navigated through struggles and disagreements?

FROM THE SERMON

2. Look back at your notes from this week's teaching. Was there anything you heard for the first time that caught your attention, confused you, challenged you, or made you curious?
3. Read Ecclesiastes 4:7-12. How is this misplaced focus affecting the person who has no friends (vs. 7-8)? How can you relate to this season of life? What are the benefits of friendship (vs. 9-12)? Discuss other benefits as well.
4. Read Proverbs 17:17; 18:24; 27:9; 27:17. How would you put one of these bits of wisdom into practice?
5. Read Proverbs 27:5-6 and Galatians 6:1-2. Why is it hard to confront a friend? Why is it important to be open to rebuke? What does gentleness look like?
6. Read John 15:12-15. What is the difference between a servant and a friend (vs. 15)? How ought my relationship with Jesus influence my friendships?
7. What are you hearing from the Holy Spirit right now?

NEXT STEPS

8. What will you do with this new truth or spiritual insight that has been revealed by the Holy Spirit?
9. Please make time to pray together.