MADE for THIS

Proverbs 27:17

As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

Proverbs 17:17

A dear friend will love you no matter what, and a family sticks together through all kinds of trouble.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Matthew 6:33

But seek **first His kingdom** and **His righteousness**, and all these things will be given to you as well.

If Christ is really Lord of our lives God is <u>first</u> in every part of life Then God is...

- 1. STRFNGTH
- 2. WISDOM
- 3. APPROVAL
- 4. LIFE

God <u>FIRST</u> + God <u>REDEEMS</u> me + God <u>TRANSFORMS</u> my life = I become the <u>FRIEND</u> I'm looking for

Friendship looks different because of Christ...

I'm INVITED

Matthew 11:28-29

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

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I have **VALU**E

1 Corinthians 12:12

The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ.

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I'm INVITED
I have VALUE
I'm a LEADER

Matthew 5:13-16 (NLT)

"You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.

"You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

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I have VALUE
I'm a LEADER
I can go ALL IN

Malachi 3:10

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!

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TalkItOver

1. Share some of best examples of friendships that have added value

and blessing to your life.

- 2. Read through some of the scriptures from this sermon that caught your attention. As a group, discuss text and what it means to you.
- 3. Why do you think we have a hard time trusting people with our lives and families?
- 4. Who can you invite to join you as part of a LifeGroup?
- 5. Is it time for you to possibly host a LifeGroup and reach out to some people who haven't connected yet?