



Small Group Questions: To Be A Great Friend

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Read

Matthew 7:12, Proverbs 13:20 and 18:24, Luke 5:17-20 and 6:12-13

Reflect

Think of all the people you interact with on a daily basis. We have a lot of relationships to manage and every one of them is different. Yet, these relationships can greatly influence our mindset...the way we live our lives and affect those of others. In this series, we will identify four decisions that can help set the tone for the new year and lead to significant change. The first decision was to follow Jesus. This week, we can make another decision: to be a good friend.

Pastor Josh Surratt gave us three types of questions to ask ourselves about being or becoming a good friend:

1. Identification questions: Who are the people that God wants to love through me?
 - a. Who comes to mind? Consider writing them down.
 - b. Pastor Josh mentioned three types of friends we need in our lives. Can you think of people who fall into each category?
 - i. People who ignite our Passion
 - ii. People who share our Passion
 - iii. People who catch our Passion
 - b. Sometimes, God reveals that we should invest in people who may not have been on our list...or maybe they were on the list in a different capacity. Maybe you expected to teach them something, but they taught you something instead. What has been your experience? What kind of impact did it have on you? On them?
2. Categorization questions: What does it look like to love a friend?
 - a. How do you best communicate love?
 - i. The Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman offers insight into how we communicate and respond to love in different ways.
 - b. What ways of communicating love could you strengthen?
 - c. What have you experienced when asking God to help you know what to say to a person? Has it been easy? Difficult? Did you have to act as a voice of truth?
3. Implementation questions: What will it require of me to love them well?
 - a. Has it ever cost you something to invest in a friend? What was the outcome?
 - b. What practical steps can you take to maintain your commitment to a friend?
 - c. Pastor Josh mentioned being present and being open. Which resonates most with you? Why?

Respond

- What do you feel like God is asking you to do in response to the weekend message? What is your next step?
- How can your Small Group support you and hold you accountable in this?

