

Small Group Questions: The Right Kind of Friend

Series: Strength In Numbers

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Read

1 Corinthians 15:33; Proverbs 18:24; Mark 2:1-12; Proverbs 17:17

Reflect

Paul wrote to the Corinthians about the way God's people should live. He quoted the Greek poet Menander, "Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character.'" Is there someone in your life who needs help with something and does not rely on faith? How can you introduce this person to God?

Pastor Josh Surratt highlights the following:

1. Come close when people are hurting.

- a. Discuss a time when you needed a friend. How did a friend help you?
- b. We all carry God's strength in some form or fashion. When was the last time you shared yours?
- c. Who is paralyzed in your life and how will you step into their pain for support?

2. Don't take no for an answer.

- a. When and how have you insisted on serving someone, when he/she did not want your assistance?
- b. Discuss an important person that helps you stay on the Christian path.
- c. How can you help introduce someone to Christ? This season is a good time to invite someone to Seacoast or include a friend in your small group.

3. Do whatever it takes to get them to the presence of Jesus.

- a. Read and discuss Proverbs 17:17
A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.
- b. Think about the strength of the friends, who made an opening in the roof for the paralyzed man (Mark 2:4). Are you strong for others around you? How can you strengthen your faith and thereby share it with others?
- c. Discuss the lyrics of "Firm Foundation" and a time when Jesus helped you move forward in life.

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?