

ONE FRIEND AWAY

Series: *Friending*

Proverbs 12:26

THE FOUNDATION OF FRIENDSHIPS

2 Sobering Truths about Friendships

- 1 Show me your FRIENDS and I'll show you your FUTURE.
(Proverbs 13:20)
- 2 It's impossible to live the RIGHT life when you have the WRONG friends. (1 Corinthians 15:33)

3 TYPES OF FRIENDS EVERY PERSON NEEDS

Everybody needs a friend who...

- 1 Makes you BETTER.
(Proverbs 27:17)
- 2 Helps you find spiritual STRENGTH.
(Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)
- 3 Tells you the TRUTH.
(Proverbs 27:5-6 NLT)

REALife Application

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching on, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Key Questions:

What friend from your past has significantly impacted your life?

We need friends who will help us become better, find strength in the Lord, and tell us the truth. What type of friend are you missing?

What's your next step to develop the relationship with the person you need as a friend?

Optional Questions: If needed, include one or more of these scriptures and questions to extend your conversation.

With your Bible or your Bible App, read and discuss Acts 9:26-28, 1 Samuel 16:12-13, 23:15-16, and Proverbs 27:5-6.

Do you think your current friends have made you a better person? If so, how have they helped you?

Where might you be struggling in your spiritual life? How could your friends help you strengthen your spiritual life?

Describe a time when a friend told you the truth when you needed to hear it. How did you respond to it and how did hearing this truth affect you?

What's one thing you hope to become, accomplish, or achieve? How might having the right friends help guide you to success?

Next Steps:

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