

# REDISCOVERING THE LOST ART OF FRIENDSHIP

*Series: Friending*

**Proverbs 13:20**

**SERIES THOUGHT:** Show me your FRIENDS and I'll show you your FUTURE.

## **HOW IS TECHNOLOGY CHANGING FRIENDSHIPS?**

*3 Observations*

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- ❷ We're becoming ADDICTED to immediate AFFIRMATION.
- ❸ We have the POWER to do friendships on our own TERMS

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*Being a good friend means I need to...*

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(Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT, Romans 12:9-10, 13 NLT)
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(1 Peter 4:8 NLT, 1 John 3:18 NLT)
- ❸ Get OPEN.  
(James 5:16 NLT, Proverbs 27:5-6 NLT)

# REALife Application

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### **Big Idea:**

To be the friend you need to be, you must be present, get engaged and get open with your friends.

### **Key Questions:**

How has social media impacted your friendships for better or for worse?

Do you have the right friends? Do you feel you are getting adequate time with those friends?

How present are you in your friendships? How transparent are you? If there is one of these things you need to work on, what is it and what are you going to do about it?

**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 Proverbs 13:20, Proverbs 17:17, and Hebrews 10:24-25.

What are some of the things that keep you from having truly authentic friendships?

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What weaknesses do you struggle with most? How could your LifeGroup and your friends help you in dealing with these weaknesses?

### **Next Steps:**

What's one thing you can do this week that will help you be more present, engaged or more transparent with your friends?

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