

WEEK 1- YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN ME

Proverbs 18:24, 17:17, 27:9, 26:18-19, 27:14, 25:17, 27:5,9,17

1. **MAIN IDEA:** FRIENDSHIP IS A NECESSITY
2. THE 4 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A TRUE FRIENDSHIP
 - CONSTANCY
 - CONNECTION
 - CANDOR
 - COUNSEL

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **ICE-BREAKER:** Congratulations! You made it to the first small-group meeting of the semester! That's a big deal because making it out to small-group is not always easy. What challenges do you face today that almost kept you from coming here? Why did you still decide to come?
2. **ICE-BREAKER # 2:** This week's message was all about friendship. Who is the best friend you've ever had? What led to that friendship being so close?
3. What part of this past Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?
4. One of the ideas pulled from Proverbs 27:9 this week is that friendship has to be discovered. C.S. Lewis described this discovery of friendship as a moment where two people find common ground and they can say, "What!? You too? I thought I was the only one." Can you describe a time when you've had a moment like this with someone else? What do you think makes those types of moments so powerful?
5. On Sunday, Pastor Ryan talked about the four building blocks of a true friendship that we see in Proverbs: **constancy, connection, candor** and **counsel**. Which of these do you find comes most naturally to you? Which is most difficult for you?
6. All through Proverbs we see the idea that the people we allow into our lives have a profound impact on who we are. In other words, our community forms us. Do you have any examples of this reality playing out in your own life? How do we go about choosing our friends wisely while at the same time not becoming cliquey?
7. Jesus is the perfect Friend who loves you at all times, can sympathize with EVERYTHING you're going through, is full of grace and full of truth and who laid His life down for you. What do you think it would look like in your daily life for you to be the friend to somebody else that Jesus is to you?
8. Let's spend some extra time as a group this week just catching up and/ or getting to know one another. The more time we can invest in building relationships the better this group will be.