

THE POWER OF FRIENDSHIP

1 Samuel 18:1-4, 19:4-7, 20:40-42, 23:15-18

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. THE IMPORTANCE OF FRIENDSHIP
2. THE ELEMENTS OF FRIENDSHIP
 - COMMITMENT
 - TRANSPARENCY
 - SYMPATHY
3. THE POWER SOURCE OF FRIENDSHIP

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. Who comes to your mind when you think of true friendship? How has that person helped you in times of adversity?
3. What is most striking to you about David and Jonathan's friendship? Are there any of the elements of their friendship that you wish you had more of in your life?
4. What do you think it is going to take for us as a church/ small-group to get to a point where our friendships are reflective of the covenant friendship we see embodied in David and Jonathan? What are some barriers to this type of friendship and how might we face those barriers together?
5. If your group has been together for some time, considering taking a minute to have a few people tell a friend of theirs in the group something specific they appreciate about their friendship.
6. In what ways does Jonathan remind you of Jesus? In what ways have you been shaped by Jesus' friendship toward you?
7. **OPEN DISCUSSION:** Take some time as a group to talk about your best and worst experiences navigating friendships. Then talk about some elements of the friendship we have with Jesus and how that friendship can give us the resources to be true friends to one another.

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: A friend is someone who always lets you in and never lets you down. Jesus is that friend.