

The Friendship App

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Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

- If you were to rate your need for friendship on a scale of 1 to 10 (ten is high), where would you place yourself? Explain.
- What is one of your favorite stories or memeories about you and a friend?

With your Bible or YouVersion.com, read Proverbs 18:24 and Philippians 2:5

- The friends you choose can have a big impact on your life. What does the writer of Proverbs have to say about this? What are some ways that you have experienced this truth?
- Why and how does our Christ like character make a difference in our relationships with one another?

Read John 13:34-35, 1 Peter 4:8-10; James 5:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; 2 Corinthians 13:11 and Ephesians 4:2, 32.

These passages are some of the passages in the New Testament that form what is often called the "One Anothers".

• What "One Anothers" do you find in these passages?

(There are more than were identified in The Friendship App message.)

- Which one of these is the easiest for you to live out in your relationships? Why? Which on is the hardest? Why?
- Notice the structure of the verses where we find these "One Anothers". How would you describe the overall intent or tone of the writer as he communicates to the reader?
- How does love impact each of these "One Anthers"?

My Next Step Today Is To . . .

- Give my life to Jesus, beginning the journey of life transformation.
- Keep working on the Life Apps we have looked at so that the mindset of Jesus would be reflected in me.
- Meditate on and/or memorize Philippians 2:5

Talk It Over with God:

These prayer tips can guide your time alone with God each day. Praying with a friend or a small group might help you stick to it.

- Friends are a gift from God. As you pray, mention several of your friends by name and tell God what you appreciate about that person.
- Bring to mind a friend that you are having trouble forgiving. Ask God to work in your heart so that you come to a place for forgiveness.
- Ask that the Holy Spirit would lead you as you seek to discover ways to love and encourage the friends that God has placed in your life.
- Spend some time thanking God for the friends He has brought your way.