

Love One Another

THE SECRETS TO SUSTAINED HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

PART 4: LOVING, LASTING FRIENDSHIPS

INTRODUCTION

The oldest human problem, and the first one recorded in the Bible, is isolation. As a society, we're becoming increasingly isolated, insulated, and independent, and it has reached the crisis level. This series will help us learn how to create a culture of life-sustaining relationships, which we all need.

KEY SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 12:1-11

Proverbs 13:20

Proverbs 17:17

Hebrews 10:24-25

Proverbs 27:17

James 5:16

Proverbs 28:13

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who are your closest friends? Why did you become friends? Describe your friendship.
2. Pastor Will taught that when asking or receiving advice we should always ask 3 questions: "Is it fair? Is it helpful...does it align with God's Word? Is this a positive solution?" Thinking about a recent time that you asked for or received advice, did that advice pass through these filters? Do your friends give you advice that passes through these filters?
3. Read Hebrews 10:24. What are some ways you can motivate your friends to "acts of love and good works" this week?
4. There is power in physical presence. Who do you need to show up for this week? How will you show up and be present for them?
5. Is your default mode to try to impress people, or to try to connect with people? Who do you have in your life who you can confess your sins to, pray with, and admit your mistakes to? Are you that person for somebody else?

Application Prayer: Dear Jesus, I commit to care more about my friendships than what they think of me, be present and be real. I invite you into my life, forgive my sin and be my Leader!

It's impossible to live the right life with the wrong friends.