

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM JANUARY 8, 2017



BIG IDEA:

Friendship. We all want friends and need friends in our lives. Friends to hang out with. Friends that will encourage us. Friends that will stick with us through thick and thin. As we grow up, we can't treat our friends like toys and just throw them around, use them how we want or toss them out when we get a new more popular one. We will look to the relationship between David and Jonathan to see how God's word gives us a picture of friendship.

This week we will look at how to be a good friend. In order to have good friends, you have to be a good friend.

ICE BREAKER:

What was your favorite toy growing up that you couldn't live without?

DISCUSSION:

1. What do you love about friendship and having friends? What is hard?

1. When was the last time you were a friend to someone?

2. Read 1 Samuel 17:50-20 to understand the context of David and Jonathan's friendship. David and Jonathan needed each other. There are people around you, who need you and are counting on you to lift them up and encourage them.

3. Read 1 Samuel 18:1-5. What are ways you see Jonathan be a friend to David?

A good friend is committed (v. 1-3). A good friend reaches out (v. 3). A good friend is generous (v. 4). A good friend celebrates other's successes (v. 5).

4. Read John 15:12-17. How does it make you feel that God calls you His friend?

5. Because God calls you friends and satisfies all your needs, how can you be a friend to others and serve them like Jesus serves us without expecting anything in return?

APPLICATION

6. In what ways can you be a better friend to those in your friend group?

7. In what ways can you be a better friend to those in your small group this semester? Be specific

SCRIPTURE MEMORY:

Psalm 1:1-2

"Blessed is the man

*who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;*

*² but his delight is in the law¹ of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night."*