

YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN ME: WEEK 2

God has designed us to be people who live in relationship with one another, and our friendships can be one of the most important parts of our lives. Yet, if we are being honest, friendships can be really difficult. Over the course of this three week series, *You've Got a Friend in Me*, we are going to look at God's Word and see His design for how we are to relate with those around us, how we can be a good friend, why good friends matter, and how to work through the difficulties that will arise in our friendships.

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Who was at Wake this weekend and can recap what we talked about?

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Reread Proverbs 1:18-19. Is it hard to believe that people who do wrong will not prosper, and that "cheaters never win?" Why or why not?
- *In our limited perspective it can seem like those not following Christ with integrity do prosper; but we have to keep the perspective of Psalm 1 and similar Scriptures.*

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How much (0-100%) of your decisions and day-to-day life would you say are influenced by others? Are you surprised when you think about it in that way?

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If your friends affect where you go, where are you headed? What situations are you likely to walk into?

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1 Corinthians 15:33 says "Bad company corrupts good character." Do you believe this is true? How have you seen it happen?
-*Be careful to avoid gossip-type talk here.*

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Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 and Proverbs 27:5-6. How can good friends help us as we follow Christ?
-*People around us help us; they encourage us, strengthen us, say hard things to us, all out of love and devotion to each other and Jesus.*

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It's commonly said everyone is the average of the 5 closest people around them. Write down 5 of the people closest to you. If you become more like them, what makes you excited about that? What scares you about that? Share with the group.

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What are some ways this group can live out Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 and Proverbs 27:5-6? What are some ways it already has?

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Read Proverbs 1:10-19. What makes us want to associate with those who "rush into sin?"
-*Wanting to be liked, fear of missing out or rejection, etc...so many! See where your students take this!*

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Think honestly about your friendships in light of this conversations of why friends matter. Do you feel good about the people around you, or is it something you need to reconsider?