

Week 1:

Game-Changing Friendships



Questions

1. What illustration, story or example stood out to you this week?
2. Read John 15:12-15. God commands us to love another, as He loved us. Loving others is often challenging. When is it hard for you to love someone? When has someone loved you well even when you didn't deserve it? How did that impact you?
3. Read Proverbs 13:20. How have you seen this verse play out in your life or in the lives of others?
4. Pastor Ron shared the Friendship Assessment below. What is one area where your friendships are thriving and what is an area that needs improvement?
5. Pastor Ron said, "Friendship with Jesus is the great launching pad for great friendships with others." How do you be a friend of Jesus?
6. Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. What does a godly friendship look like to you? Do you feel like you've been a godly friend to others? Why or why not?

Scripture References

John 15:12-15, Proverbs 13:20, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Takeaways

- Friendship with Jesus is the great launching pad for great friendships with others.
- Friendships determine the quality and direction of your life.
- My Friendships Assessment
 - My friendships help me accomplish more.
 - My friendships pick me up when I'm down.
 - My friendships keep my spiritual fires lit.
 - My friendships are regularly inviting in the ethic of Jesus.
 - My friendships are intentionally sought out and developed.
 - My friendships have healthy boundaries implemented.
 - My friendships sometimes have life cycles.
 - My friendships vary by type.
 - My friendships are a good balance of give and take, deposits and withdrawals.