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**Sermon Notes**

**Some Friendly Advice**  
**September 12, 2021**

1. Be a good \_\_\_\_\_ to others.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Pray for an \_\_\_\_\_ friend.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Lose \_\_\_\_\_ friends.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Love your \_\_\_\_\_ friend.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Join a small \_\_\_\_\_ of friends.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. You have a \_\_\_\_\_ Friend.



## QUESTIONS

ICEBREAKER: What qualities do you value most in a true friend? Why?

1. David and Jonathan were true friends who looked after each other's interests even at great personal cost. What does Jonathan's actions in 1 Samuel 18:1-4 reveal about friendship? Also consult Romans 12:10; 1 Corinthians 10:24; and Philippians 2:1-4.
2. At a particularly desperate time in David's life, when King Saul was seeking to kill him, Jonathan came to David and "strengthened his hand in God" [1 Samuel 23:15-18]. What do you imagine Jonathan said and did to lift David's spirits [cf. Proverbs 17:17; Proverbs 18:24; and Proverbs 27:9]?
3. In 2 Chronicles 20:7, King Jehoshaphat of Judah prayed, calling Abraham God's "friend". What do you observe about Abraham's relationship with God that would indicate friendship [cf. Genesis 15:1-21; Genesis 17:1-8; and Genesis 18:16-33]?
4. If Abraham was God's friend, why did God test him [Genesis 22:1]? What does the story of Genesis 22:1-19 teach you about friendship with God [cf. Isaiah 41:8-10; Hebrews 11:17-19; and James 2:20-24]?
5. Toward the end of His ministry just prior to his crucifixion, Jesus called His disciples His "friends" [John 15:14-15]. How are Jesus' friends supposed to live according to John 15:12-17? Also consider John 3:26-30; John 13:34-35; and John 14:21.
6. In Matthew 11:16-19, Jesus quoted the opinion of the religious authorities that He was "a friend of tax collectors and sinners." What does this self-admission by Jesus reveal about His heart for sinful people [cf. Luke 19:10; John 3:16; and Romans 5:6-8]?
7. What did you find helpful or challenging about this Sunday's message?

"[Spiritual friendship] is eagerly helping one another know, serve, love, and resemble God in deeper and deeper ways." (Tim Keller)