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The Man as a Friend

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Introduction

1. Friendship Foundations

a. What is biblical friendship?

i. What is friendship as distinct from other relationships?

ii. What is biblical friendship as distinct from the world's idea of friendship?

iii. What does the Bible say about friendship?

a) Close (Ps 55:12-14)

b) Counsel (Prov 27:9, 5-6, 13:20)

c) Constant – sharing in joys & helps in hard times (Prov 17:17, 18:24)

a. Why do we need biblical friendship

i. Jesus was a friend

ii. The goal of our gathering

Discuss

- 1) Why can friendships – particularly between men – feel so... disappointing?
- 2) What are some limitations in life that make building friendships difficult?
- 3) How long do you think it takes to build a good friendship? How long do you think it takes to build a really close friendship?

Why is friendship so difficult?

1. The reality of sin

2. The reality of limitations

Forging Biblical friendships: pursuing what God says makes a good friend

a) Close

b) Counsel

c) Constant

Build friendships with other men

Discussion

- 1) What are some of your particular sins or challenges that hinder building friendships?
- 2) What are some practical ways, and structures you can put in place, to help build deeper friendships with other men at church?
- 3) Close, Counsel, Constant – which area of friendship do you struggle with the most?

Q&A