

# Friendship

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- Married and single

## Friendship in our context

- A shared desire
- Not always a shared experience

## Friendship takes work<sup>4</sup>

- Time
- Tact

## Friendship is valuable

- God does friendship<sup>1</sup>
- God makes/remakes us for friendship

- Truth

With him<sup>2</sup>

With others

- God makes friendship to last<sup>3</sup>

## Friendship needs the gospel<sup>5</sup>

- Forgiveness
- Example
- Power to change

## Friendship is for all

- Men and women



Reflection / discussion questions

*How valuable do you think friendship is? What concrete step do you think you should take to be a better friend this week?*

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<sup>1</sup> John 5:22-23,

<sup>2</sup> Gen 1:27, Gen 3:8-9, Luke 7:34, John 15:15, 17:3, Rev

<sup>3</sup> Mark 12:25

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<sup>4</sup> Prov 17:17, 18:2, 24, 25:20, 27:5-17, 29:5

<sup>5</sup> John 15:13, Luke 7:34, 1 Jn 3:16-18, Rom 6:4