

Those Faithful Friends

“Words for the Wise”

Proverbs 17:17, 18:24

Discussion Questions

1. Share a fond memory of a childhood friendship. You might recall how you met, a hobby that you enjoyed together, a trip to an amusement park together, etc. What made that friendship so special?
2. Read Proverbs 18:24. How are friendships uniquely different from family relationships and work relationships? Think back to the sermon.
3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:33. Have you ever been faced with a situation in which you had to make a decision about spending time with a particular person because of his/her negative influences on you? If so, explain.
4. Proverbs 27:6, 9, 17. It's better to hear from a friend if you are doing something wrong because he/she truly cares about you. Recall a time when you had to tell your friend (or vice versa) a truth about him/her that was difficult to hear but necessary. How did you both handle the situation?
5. Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. Share an example in which your friend(s) came along side you and helped you through a difficult situation.
6. Read John 15:12-15. The night before Jesus died, he wanted so desperately to get across to his disciples what he was about to do. Jesus was the ultimate friend. What can we learn from Jesus' example of friendship?
7. What practical thing can you do this week to encourage a friend?