



Notes | February 11, 2024

How to Create Lasting Friendships

You are who you hang out with. It's a phrase we have heard our entire lives, but what if our friendships were made for more than just passing time at work or chatting at the ball field? What if you treated your friends like your "team" in life? Teams are a lot like friendships. They make you better and stronger. When you are vulnerable, then you are able to accomplish so much together for the better of your marriage, your career, your parenting, your relationships, etc. Your future in each of these areas depend on lasting friendship that help you win in life!

Key Scripture | Proverbs 27:17

As Iron sharpens Iron so one person sharpens another.

Related Scriptures

Proverbs 17:17, 1st Samuel 18:3, Mark 12:31, 1st Samuel 16:7

Icebreakers:

Q: If you were to create a team name for your friends, what would It be? What would the mascot be?



Key Thoughts and Reflections:

I. Your friends are your team.

Q: Would any one of your friends be a first-time draft pick? Why?

Q: Do you think your closest friends share the same values and goals as you?

Q: Do you feel your friendships are more for fun, for purpose, or a balance of both?

II. A great friend points you back to God In the same way Johnathan supported David.

Q: Strong friendships know what is expected of them and what is on the line. Is there a friend in your life that you know will always direct you back to Jesus?

Q: Has anything in your life ever fallen apart because you chose isolation over leaning on your friends?

Q: Do you feel comfortable enough in your inner circle to talk openly about Jesus?

III. God gave you friendships to push you to endure more than you think you can.

Q: Do you tend to go more to the people that make you stronger or give you the excuse you are looking for?

Q: Has there been a time in your life when you wanted to be the friend that held someone accountable but didn't?

Q: We are many parts but one body. God has gifted us each with different gifts. Do you know your spiritual gifts and use them in your friendships?

Get Practical

If you have close friends that you share life with, reach out to them through text or a phone call. Friendships like that are irreplaceable! If you aren't there yet and are still looking for your inner circle, begin praying that God sends you a village. Take an important step and surround yourself with a community that have the same goals and values you do!

Text GROUPS to 37748 to find a community that can help you get planted, take root, and flourish this year!