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[set up]

How can you tell if a friendship is real, genuine, and healthy?

Do you have a friend who has stuck with you through time and trials? Give an example.

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[digging deeper]

Read Proverbs 18:24 from this last weekend.

- How can a person with many friends come to ruin?
- How is it possible/what does it mean to have a friend closer than a brother?

Read each of the following verses and list a principle or two for each one related to friendship. If your LifeGroup has enough people, divide up the questions and tag-team, then come back and share your answers.

Eccl. 4:9-12
Prov. 13:20
Prov. 17:17
Prov. 27:6
Prov. 27:10
Prov. 27:17
ohn 15:12-14
Cor. 15:33
Rom. 1:12

Keeping in mind the insights you listed above, consider the following questions:

- What qualities make friendships happy?
- What qualities make friendships healthy?
- What qualities make friendships Holy?

[living it out]

What verse/thought/impression/conviction stands out to you most from this study? Why?

What is a step you can take to act upon it (get ideas from your LifeGroup too)?

Close in prayer. Let the themes of your prayer time come from the insights and verses in this study. Pray that all of us as individuals and as a church body will do what it takes to experience holy, healthy, and happy relationships.