

**The \_\_\_\_\_ of Friendship**

1. A friend \_\_\_\_\_

2. A friend \_\_\_\_\_

3. A friend \_\_\_\_\_

4. A friend \_\_\_\_\_

**The \_\_\_\_\_ for Friendship**

**NEXT STEPS:**

1. Identify a few friends you want to go deeper into true friendship with for the sake of your souls and your spiritual formation. Tell them.
2. Schedule consistent time with friends into your weekly/monthly rhythms.

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## The Rhythm of Friendship

Various passages

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*Throughout the centuries, Christians have placed incredible value on friendship, seeing it as a gift from God to help form us more into the image of Jesus. As we pursue our own spiritual formation, we will be blessed by forging deep, gospel-centered friendships, and as we experience God's friendship to us in Christ, we will be empowered to experience true friendship with others.*

**The \_\_\_\_\_ and Necessity of Friendship**

**The \_\_\_\_\_ to Friendship**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

*Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at [gracecentralcoast.org/groups](https://gracecentralcoast.org/groups)*

### CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

*Share a favorite book, story, movie, or play that portrays a deep friendship.*

### DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. It has been said that the whole Bible is a story of friendship. How is this true?
2. We saw that Christians throughout history valued friendship extremely highly. Did this surprise you? Was there a quote that was impactful to you?

3. We looked at some obstacles to friendship. Have any of these been obstacles for you to forming meaningful friendships? What other obstacles have you noticed in your own life that keep you from having deep friends who help you grow spiritually?
4. Read John 15:12–17. What does Jesus teach us here about friendship?
5. Share how a friendship in your life has helped form you spiritually.
6. Do you think unbelievers can have just as deep, meaningful, and beautiful of friendships as those who know Jesus as their Savior? Why or why not?

### PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Pray prayers of thankfulness to God for his friendship to us through Christ.
- Pray for deeper friendships to form in your lives and in your group—all for the sake of your becoming more like Christ and God being glorified.
- Share something that matters to you in your life right now and have others pray for that.