



Topeka Bible Church
NextStep, Message #6:
"Your Next Relational Step: Friendship"
Community Group Study Questions
John 15:15 and selected passages from Proverbs

1. Are you a person who has many friends? How many of these friends would you consider to be "close" friends? Who is one of your best friends? How long have you shared that friendship and how has the relationship changed over the years?
2. Do you ever undervalue the importance of friendship? Do you find it hard to believe that Jesus Christ considers you a friend (*John 15:15*)? Why or why not? What makes our friendship with Jesus possible (*Colossians 1:21-22*)?
3. Are you able to be open and vulnerable with other friends? How might openness with a friend prove to be beneficial (*Proverbs 27:9, 19*)? How can a failure to do so be detrimental (*Proverbs 18:1*)?
4. How have you been blessed by another friend's generosity in the past (*1 Samuel 18:3-4; John 15:13*)? Are you being an overbearing friend who abuses the relationships that you have (*Proverbs 25:17, 20; 27:14*)?

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5. How has another friend's honesty helped you grow and change (*Proverbs 27:5-6; 28:23*)? Was it difficult to receive their words? Do you need to be honest with a friend who is struggling to grow? How do you do so in love (*Galatians 6:1*)?

6. Has a friend ever stood by you when it was a risk for them to do so (*1 Samuel 19:1; Proverbs 17:17; 18:24; 27:10*)? How was their loyalty a blessing to you (*1 Samuel 20:4*)? What have you risked to be loyal to a friend?

7. **NextStep APPLICATION:** Friends are a gift from God and essential to our survival! Name at least one friend with whom you can grow in intimacy, generosity, honesty, and loyalty this year. Write down two practical steps that you need to take this week.

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Memory Verse:

"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."

(John 15:13, NASB)

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