



**Topeka Bible Church**  
**NextStep, Message #7:**  
***"Your Next Missional Step: Help a Friend"***  
**Community Group Study Questions**  
**Selected passages**

1. Have you ever advised a friend as Jethro did for Moses (*Exodus 18:13-24*)? Has a friend ever advised you? What happened and how was the advice received? Why does God use us to advise one another in life (*Proverbs 11:14; 20:18*)?
2. Has anyone ever committed to "move" with you like Ruth did for Naomi (*Ruth 1:14-18*)? How were you encouraged by their efforts to reach out to you? How is this sacrificial friendship consistent with Christ's teaching on friendship (*John 15:13*)?
3. How did Job's three friends initially serve as a good example of "comforting" friends to him (*Job 2:11-13*)? What is one of the best ways to comfort someone who is hurting? How you comforted someone recently (*Romans 12:15; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4*)?
4. Have you ever challenged anyone like Mordecai challenged Esther (*Esther 4:12-14*)? Do you avoid conflict or do you engage in confrontation when it is necessary just as Paul confronted Peter (*Galatians 1:11-14*)?

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5. Are you comfortable “speaking of the Lord” to your friends just as Jonathan did with David (2 Samuel 20:42)? Why or why not? Do you make a habit of praying with your friends like Daniel did (Daniel 2:17-18)? How might this impact your friendships (Acts 20:36-38)?

6. Have you (or someone you know) ever rescued someone just as David rescued Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9)? How does Jesus ultimately rescue us (Colossians 1:13-14)? List some practical ways that you can “rescue” a friend this week.

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7. **NextStep APPLICATION:** Think of a friend who you can “go into the fire with” (Daniel 2:22-23) or “stand with” (1 Samuel 19:4; 20:30-33) this week? What specific needs can you meet in their lives this week?

**Memory Verse:**

**“But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.”**

**(Ruth 1:16, NIV)**

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