



MESSAGE NOTES & DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 3 – SIGNIFICANT FRIENDSHIPS

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Proverbs 17:17; 18:24; 12:26; 13:20; 16:28; 27:6; 27:9; 27:17; Ephesians 4:15

Friendship requires a _____

How can I have _____ friendships?

THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF SIGNIFICANT FRIENDS

- Unconditional love
- Wise
- Honest

Be the _____ of _____ to _____ that you want _____ to be _____

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1. How does the rejection of a close friend differ from the rejection of an acquaintance or stranger?
2. What does it mean for a friend to love at all times?
3. How does unconditional love in friendship differ from familial love?
4. Can you think of a time when a friend showed you unconditional love? How did that affect your relationship?
5. What does it mean to be a friend who "sticks closer than a brother"?
6. How can you tell if someone is a reliable and faithful friend?
7. Have you ever experienced a friend who was not reliable? How did that impact your trust in friendships?
8. Why is it important to choose friends carefully?
9. How have your friendships influenced your decisions and character?
10. Why is honesty important in friendship?
11. Have you ever had a friend tell you a hard truth? How did you respond?
12. How can you practice honesty in a way that is loving and helpful?
13. Why do you think trust is such an essential foundation for deep friendships?
14. Which of these characteristics do you see most in your friendships?
15. Which characteristic do you need to develop more in your own life?
16. What practical steps can you take this week to be a better friend?