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Your *group* matters.

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

Think back to when you were about 12 years old. What was your favorite TV show and whistle, hum, or sing the theme song.

1. Pastor Nate said, "When we say 'YES!' to Jesus we are adopted into His forever family." (**Matthew 12:48-50**) What does this adoption language personally tell you about God's view and heart toward you?
2. David and Jonathan were "exceptional friends" and are examples of what Christian friendship ideally looks like. Such friendship requires intentionality (**1 Samuel 18:3**). How are you intentional in your friendships?
3. Read **1 Samuel 19:1-5**. Pastor Nate used this passage to illustrate our need to be honest with our friends. But in this story Jonathan is honest with both David and his father, King Saul. How did Jonathan's honesty with his father demonstrate his friendship to David and how can you apply this to your friendships?
4. True Christian friendship calls out an undying spiritual bond that links friends together in Christ as seen in **1 Samuel 23:15-16, 18**. Do your deepest friendships include this kind of spiritual bond and sensitivity? If not, how might you introduce it into the relationship?
5. Pastor Nate said, "real friendship is commitment and sacrifice," as was demonstrated so beautifully in the friendship of David and Jonathan. So, as Pastor Nate then asked, "What does commitment and sacrifice look like in you as you seek to be a great friend?"

Day One: [Matthew 3](#); [Psalm 94](#)

Day Two: [Leviticus 2](#); [Proverbs 1](#)

Day Three: [Romans 14](#); [2 Samuel 14](#)

Day Four: [James 5](#); [Jeremiah 28](#)

Day Five: [Job 30](#); [Acts 8](#)

## PERSONAL GUIDE

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# RIVERSIDE CHURCH



## MESSAGE NOTES



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Pastor Nate Sickler

What are the most important \_\_\_\_\_ of what it means to be truly spiritual and growing in spirituality?

What does God \_\_\_\_\_ the most from us?

When we say 'YES!' to Jesus we are \_\_\_\_\_ into His forever family. (**John 1:12, Matthew 12:48-50**)

Jesus followers are expected to develop into \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
(**John 13:34-35, Proverbs 18:24**)

In a world that \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_  
most relationships, how do we become great friends?

To be a great \_\_\_\_\_ (brother or sister in Christ) requires that we...

- 1) Be \_\_\_\_\_. (**1 Samuel 18:3**)
- 2) Be \_\_\_\_\_. (**1 Samuel 19:1-5**)
- 3) Be \_\_\_\_\_. (**1 Samuel 20:1-4**)
- 4) Be \_\_\_\_\_. (**1 Samuel 20:5-17**)
- 5) Be \_\_\_\_\_. (**1 Samuel 20:40-41**)
- 6) Be \_\_\_\_\_. (**1 Samuel 23:15-18**)

For David and Jonathan, their covenant with God was the basis for their devotion to each other because real friendship is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (**John 15:12-13, Job 6:14**)

## So are you legit?:

- Are you \_\_\_\_\_ of those God brings into your life?
- What does \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
look like in you as you seek to be a great friend?

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What does God want the most from us?

When we say 'YES!' to Jesus we are adopted into His forever family. (John 1:12, Matthew 12:48-50)

Jesus followers are expected to develop into exceptional friends. (John 13:34-35, Proverbs 18:24)

In a world that trivializes or romanticizes most relationships, how do we become great friends?

To be a great friend (brother or sister in Christ) requires that we...

- 1) Be intentional. (1 Samuel 18:3)
- 2) Be honest. (1 Samuel 19:1-5)
- 3) Be available. (1 Samuel 20:1-4)
- 4) Be loyal. (1 Samuel 20:5-17)
- 5) Be vulnerable. (1 Samuel 20:40-41)
- 6) Be spiritual. (1 Samuel 23:15-18)

For David and Jonathan, their covenant with God was the basis for their devotion to each other because real friendship is commitment and sacrifice. (John 15:12-13, Job 6:14)

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