



Friendships

**BOTTOM LINE: Friendships are great,
but they take great work!**

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Bibles
- Student Notebooks

icebreaker questions

ASK: *What are some iconic best friends in movies or TV shows? What makes them great friends?*

hear from God through His word.

DO THIS: Read **Proverbs 17:17** as a group and then lead your students in a discussion about the passage using the questions below.

- Tell your students to open their Bibles to **Proverbs 17:17** and ask someone to read it out loud for the group.
- **ASK:** *What does this verse tell us about friendships?*
- **ASK:** *Why is loyalty an important quality for a friend to have?*

DO THIS: Read **John 15:13-14** as a group and then lead your students in a discussion about the passage using the questions below.

- Tell your students to open their Bibles to **John 15:13-14** and ask someone else to read it out loud for the group.
- **ASK:** *What do you think it means to "lay down your life" for your friends?*
- **ASK:** *How does Jesus model what being a good friend looks like?*

talk with others about our faith.

DO THIS: Lead your students in a discussion about friendships using the following questions.

- **ASK:** *What are some qualities of a great friend?*

- **ASK:** Do you think friendship takes work? Why?
- **ASK:** What's the benefit of putting work in towards your friendships?

pray by talking to God.

DO THIS: Lead your students in a time of prayer together for their friendships this week using their **Student Notebooks** and the prompt below.

- Tell your students to open their **Student Notebooks** to a blank page. Then, tell them to write down the names of a the few people they consider to be their closest friends. Finally, give them 30 seconds to pray for each of the the friends they wrote down and for God to help these friendships grow.

say this:
Friendships were God's idea for us from the very beginning. But that doesn't mean they are easy. The great kinds of friendships that God wants for us to have require time and effort!

LIVE in a way that honors God.

DO THIS: Give your students the following **LIVE** challenge for this week.

- Memorize Proverbs 17:17 this week. Be ready to recite it at Life Group next week.
- Commit to praying for the friends that you wrote in your notebook everyday this week. Ask them how you can be praying for them and then do it. If they don't have a relationship with Jesus, pray that they would come to know Jesus personally. Come to Life Group next week with a report of your prayer time.



memory verse

*"A friend is always loyal,
and a brother is born to help in time of need."*

Proverbs 17:17