

Engage Sheet

“FRIENDS”

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010



PERSONAL PRAYERS

Encourage a few members to share personal request about them.

IMPACT LIST

Invite 2-3 people to share about their impact list progression and how your group can pray for them.

CLOSER TO GOD

Ask 2-3 people to share about their “Closer to God” time. How have they grown and how can your group pray for them.

“A TRUE FRIEND IS THERE WHEN THERE IS EVERY REASON NOT TO BE.” 1 SAMUEL 18, 19, & 23

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What insight, principle, or observation from Sunday did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
- How many close friends do you have?
- Pastor Stu made the comment, “*the best friendships you will ever experience on this earth are those that are centered on God. Because they model a true sacrificial friendship*”. Agree or disagree? Explain.
- Has a friend ever confronted you about something you did or said? How did you accept it? What happened to your relationship after they confronted you?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Ecclesiastes 4:7-12

- What is the status of the man in v. 8a? How materially successful is he? At what cost? What is he questioning?
- Why does the Teacher see the “business” in v. 8 as “meaningless”?
- What are the benefits of “two” in verses 9-12? How is the proverb in 12b a fitting conclusion?
- For whom (yourself, God, others) do you toil in the different areas of life (work, home, school, church)? How much satisfaction do you derive from your toil and your companions?
- How easy is it for you to allow someone to help you? Or, to let someone know that you need help?
- Where would you be spiritually were it not for others’ “help”?

APPLICATION

- Did you send the “Thank You” card to your friend this past week? If so, share why you sent this person a card.
- If you do not have this kind of friend, with the help of the group, identify reasons why and list some potential steps for you to be more intent with close, spiritual friendships.