

## **Blessed With Good Friends**

**Review it:** Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

### **Discuss it:**

- 1.** Just to break the ice, share one of your life's most embarrassing moments.
- 2.** All of us have insecurities. Share one that you have right now.
- 3.** Do you have (or have you had) a friend with whom you were both comfortable enough to grant "refrigerator rights"? How did that friendship develop to that level of comfort?
- 4.** God is three persons in one essence (the Trinity), the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in eternal fellowship together. Since God is relational by nature and people are made in his image we too are hardwired for relationship. What are some of the negative consequences ultimately coming from isolation? What are some of the positive effects of good friendships?

-Genesis 1:27

- 5.** The Apostle said, "*We love because he first loved us.*" Only a relationship with Jesus first enables us to have the deepest kind of friendships. Why?

-1 John 4:19

- 6.** What does it take to have a relationship with God?

-Mark 1:15

-John 1:12, 10:27

-1 John 1:8-9

- 7.** Can you share a situation where Jesus brought healing and restoration in an existing friendship, or promoted a new one?

- 8.** Jay Kessler used to say, "If you want a friend, be a friend."

Consider general principles in the following verses. How could you be a friend to someone this week?

-Matthew 7:12

-Ephesians 4:32

-1 John 3:16-17

- 9.** Which verses strike you as something you should put into practice in your world?

-Romans 12:10, 16, 15:7

-Galatians 5:13

-1 Peter 4:9

-Hebrews 10:24-25

- 10.** What are some specific behaviors harmful to good friendships that you could avoid this week?

-Proverbs 11:13, 17:9

-James 2:2-4, 15-16, 4:11

- 11.** Should some friendships be avoided? Why?

-Proverbs 13:20, 20:19, 22:24, 28:7

-1 Corinthians 6:18

### **Pray about it**