

Getting Started

1. Who are your close friends? Why?
2. What makes a good friend? What makes a great friend?
3. When was the last time you made a new friend that you spend time with? What was the catalyst for that new friendship?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

Digging Deeper

5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1:

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own,¹ but belong—body and soul, in life and in death²—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.³

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,⁴ and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.⁵ He also watches over me in such a way⁶ that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;⁷ in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.⁸

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life⁹ and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.¹⁰

¹ 1 Cor. 6:19-20 ² Rom. 14:7-9 ³ 1 Cor. 3:23; Titus 2:14 ⁴ 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:2 ⁵ John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 John 3:1-11 ⁶ John 6:39-40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:5 ⁷ Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-18 ⁸ Rom. 8:28 ⁹ Rom. 8:15-16; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; 5:5; Eph. 1:13-14 ¹⁰ Rom. 8:1-17

How often do you think about what God has done for you and his desire to know you?

6. Read Luke 10:25-37. What can we learn about how to treat people in this passage?
7. Shawn read John 15:13 in the sermon. This verse is a reference to the crucifixion of Jesus. What does this verse have to do with God's desire to know us?
8. The book of Proverbs has many verses on friendship. Proverbs 18:24; 17:17; 27:17; 13:20 are just a few. What do these verses teach us about friendship?

Application

9. While friendships are fairly common, good friendships stand out. God desires to know us well and be our friend. With him in our lives we will always have one friend close at hand in times of great trial and joy. Lean on the Lord and be blessed by his friendship.

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“A Great Friend”

And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully.

Luke 19:5&6

- Friendships are typically _____, but being a friend is _____ about _____ something _____.

- God _____ to know you.

Topics: Friendship, quality time, God made flesh