

DISCUSSION GUIDE
FRIEND DAY
“One Friend Away!”

Icebreaker: Think about it: Who is your (oldest, newest, craziest, funniest, etc.) friend! Do you enjoy the process of making new friends? Do you make new friends easily? Talk about why or why not.

What’s the difference between a friend and an acquaintance? What differences have good friends made in your life?

What comes to mind when you think about the phrase: **You Might be One Friend Away from Changing the Course of your Destiny!** How can a friend possibly change the course of our destiny? Give an example.

What’s something that stood out or impacted you from the message on Sunday?

1) Read I Samuel 16:7 & Proverbs 27:17.

How would you describe the friendships you’ve had over the past few years? What’s been good? What’s been missing? If you could make one change in your friendships, what would it be?

Is there somebody in your life that makes you better & sees the best in you? If not, what can you do to find a friend like that?

How long does it take to become a “good” friend? What would it look like for you to be the type of friend you wish you had?

Do you have somebody in your life who gives you spiritual strength (like Jonathan did with David in I Samuel 23)? Why is that so important?

2) Read Ephesians 4:15.

When's the last time you had a friend love you enough to tell you the truth, even if it hurt? What was it like? How did you respond?

Why is it important to have someone in our life who tells us the truth?

What's one thing you could do in the next month to develop closer friendships—to develop a friendship that not only makes you & the other person better, but helps you find spiritual strength & tells the truth?

Close in prayer.