

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1038: What Does True Friendship Look Like?

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1. What is the difference between true friendship and friendships on social media? In examining your own friendships, who are your true friends and why?
2. How did Jehoshaphat describe Abraham? Why was this true? (See 2 Chronicles 20:5-7, James 2:23)
3. What is the most common Greek word for “love” found in the Bible? What type of love is this? How would you describe this love? (See 1 Peter 3:8-9)
4. What is the first requirement for intimate friendship? How did Jesus model and enlarge this concept for the world of mankind? (See Hebrews 4:15-16, Shasta Nelson Ted Talk)
5. What is the second requirement of true friendship? How did Jesus describe what a true friend is? (See John 15:12-16, Hebrews 5:8,12:2, Shasta Nelson Ted Talk)
6. Name the third aspect of a healthy relationship. How did Paul show his own vulnerability and love for his friends? How do you show your love for your friends? (See 1 Corinthians 15:9-10, Romans 16:9,21, Shasta Nelson Ted Talk)
7. What was the experience of Paul and Silas as they co-labored in spreading the word of the gospel? How are your friendships similar or different? (See Acts 16:22-25)
8. How did Hushai, friend of David, “lay down his life” and put himself into danger to protect David? (See 2 Samuel 16:17-20,7,14)
9. Have you ever “laid down your life” to protect a friend? What are some practical examples of how we can lay down our lives for each other? (See Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)
10. How does John 15:1-9 illustrate all three aspects of a true, healthy friendship? In looking at friendships in your own life, are all of your friendships an example of this? If not, what can you do to ensure a true, healthy and strong friendship?
11. What is the best basis for a friendship in Christ? How can we use these principles in our own lives?