



## Good Friends are Hard to Find

**Big Idea:** A good friend helps us live the good life that God wants us to live.

**Key Texts:** Selections from Proverbs – see below

**Opening Question:** List some of your closest friends and why you enjoy them as friends

Wisdom is insight that God gives to help us see the world rightly and is daily decisions that we make to live rightly in the world. As we focus on this coming series we will be looking at the wisdom of God and attempting to live by it. IN this week our focus is on friendship and we will examine two questions regarding friendship.

### **Why choose friends wisely?**

Proverbs 12:26; 13:20

People rub off on one another.

1. How is this true?
2. What can or should we do about it?
3. How do we deal with a bad friendship, either our own and/or someone we care for?

### **What do we look for in a friend?**

Proverbs 17:17; 27:10; 27:6

Tom gave a good description of a good friend in his message:

- A good friend is someone who cares consistently – Pr 17:17.
- A good friend is someone who can be counted on in a crisis – Pr 27:10.
- A good friend is someone who offers candid critique and counsel – Pr 27:6.

1. Which of these stands out as important to you?
2. Which one is a strong point in your life? Which one is a weak point in your life?
3. How might you increase the depth of the friendships you experience?
4. When last did you communicate your appreciation, love and need to the friends that meet this description?
5. How might you become a better friend as described above?

### **Prayer Time**

During your prayer time pray for your friends by name, lifting them up before God and asking God for His blessing on them. Pray also for those people who feel lost and alone without friendship in our world. Pray for them to see the friends they have and pray for friends to come into their lives.