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YOUTH WORSHIP NEWSLETTER

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THERE FOR YOU

Friendships are one of the most important relationships for youth. Despite its importance, it is also the most complex, most difficult relationship youth have to navigate in their current life stage. Youth are constantly trying to figure out how to be a good friend but in middle and high school is where youth also need someone to be there for them the most. Therefore, through this series on friendship, the youth will have a chance to learn how Jesus modeled friendship for us when He walked the earth back in the first century. No matter what century we live in, when friends let us down, we can look to Jesus for healthy ways to navigate these challenges. Through this series, youth will learn about:

- The diversity of God's Kingdom and how our friend groups should reflect the diversity
- How our love for our friends reflect God's love for them
- Handling drama the way Jesus modeled

Jesus knew we would all be learning to navigate friendships thousands of years later. So over the next three weeks we will see how the gospel lens helps us figure out who to be friends with, how to be a good friend, and how to deal with friend drama.

THIS SERIES' MAIN IDEAS + REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Week 1

September 11, 2021

Scripture: John 11:5

The Point: When you see friendship through the lens of the gospel, your friend groups will reflect the diversity of the Kingdom.

Reflection: How do you handle it when a new friend doesn't quite fit in with the rest of your friend group?

Week 2

September 18, 2021

Scripture: John 11:32-35

The Point: When you see friendship through the lens of the gospel, your love for your friends will reflect God's love for your friends.

Reflection: One of the most famous ways Jesus showed love to His friends was to wash their feet. What are some modern day examples of showing that kind of love to a friend?

Week 3

September 25, 2021

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

The Point: When you see friendship through the lens of the gospel, you'll listen, speak, and invite.

Reflection: If you try to invite a friend to approach a conflict differently (like Jesus did with Martha), how do you point friends in, what you feel, is the right direction without causing more conflict?



YOUTH WORSHIP UPDATES

- **Reminder:** We meet every Saturday at 9:15AM on Zoom from September 2021 to December 2021.

Zoom Meeting Login [LINK](#)

Meeting ID: 895 5855 0009

Password: 134161



- **September Youth Package Pick Up**

- This month activity to correspond with the series is a simple weaving activity with fabrics and a cardboard loom. Please pick up the Youth Packages from the Church Office (150 - 13775 Commerce Parkway, Richmond, BC V6V 2V4) on one of the following days:



- Friday (Aug. 27th) from 9:30AM - 6PM
- Saturday (Aug. 28th) from 3PM - 5PM
- Monday (Aug. 30th) to Wednesday (Sept. 1st), & Friday (Sept. 3rd) from 9:30AM - 5PM
- Friday (Sept. 10th) from 9:30AM - 4PM (*Last Day for Pick Up*)

If you are unable to pick up the youth package on the listed days, please contact Priscilla immediately.

SHORT, HELPFUL, BLOG POST



God's Kingdom is one of diversity.

This is true both here on earth and in heaven. God places an extraordinarily high value on the unique differences of the human beings He has created. That's probably why Jesus showed his care for the members of society that were typically ignored back then. It's probably why He told stories where the hated people groups were the heroes. And it's probably why He developed a close friendship with a few women during a time where women weren't valued or treated as equals.

Despite the fact that the holy, perfect God of the Universe spent 33 years walking among mankind on earth, racism, sexism, classism, and all of the other isms weren't eradicated during Jesus' time on earth. During His 33 years on the planet, Jesus didn't have direct influence on isms in the parts of the world outside of the Middle East. And in the area of Palestine where He operated, the Son of God did a whole lot of good—none of which included curing the isms.

But He moved the needle.

As parents, we want our children to grow up in a world without isms. And, just looking at everything that's happened over the last few years, it's clear that we still have quite a ways to go.

Therefore, your role as a parent is to encourage your kid to move the needle in their Palestine. Every time your child stands up for someone who's mistreated because of their outer appearance, they move the needle. And every time you do the same, you model to your child what that looks like!



CONTACT US

Walking alongside our youths can be a challenging journey, and we understand. If you have any questions or would like to have some prayer support, feel free to contact:

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