



It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

Five Building Blocks for Creating Awesome Relationships: Friendships

1. Time.

Do you take the time and give the energy it takes to be a quality friend to people in your life? Share an example where you have done or do this with your friend(s). Why is giving of your time an important quality of being an "awesome friend?"

Proverbs 18:24; 1 Corinthians 13:7

2. Trust.

What does it take for you to earn trust in your relationships? Why is having your friend's back important in a friendship? Why is loyalty an important trait to have in a friend?

Proverbs 17:17; Proverbs 11:13; Proverbs 20:6; Proverbs 27: 6-9

3. Empathy.

What does it take to show that you truly care about someone? Share a time when you saw a friend in need and did something about it. Why does the Bible say that it is important to be a good listener? What can you do to improve on your listening skills with your ears and eyes?

James 1:19; Proverbs 10:19; James 1:22

4. Acceptance.

Are you the type of person that accepts people for who they are, or do you accept them when they become the type of person that you want them to be? What does God's Word say about "acceptance?"

Romans 15:7; Proverbs 17:9; Romans 14:1

5. Celebration.

Are you a friend that is ecstatic when your friend is enjoying a season of success? Do you have friends in your life that are elated when you have times of triumph? Why are both important to have in "awesome friendships?"

Romans 12:15; 1 Corinthians 12:25-27; Ephesians 4:12-13

What's Next

- If you do not have someone in your life that can help provide spiritual support in you, look for and identify a person, or two, that you can ask to fill that role in your life. By the same token, always be ready to possibly be that person for someone who asks you!
- This week, look to be a VIP (Very Inspirational Person) by being an emotional support through listening to a Christian brother or sister and also by praying for them in their life journey.
- Today, resolve to be the type of person to give social support as a friend because the devil does not want any of us to have friendships that encourage us to reach our goals as he wants to keep us alone.