

Super Friends

Getting Started

Tell the group about your best friend in elementary school, high school or college?
(*What was your friend like, what did you do together, what kind of trouble did you get in?*)

What people have taught you, for better or worse, about how to have good friendships?

What character qualities do the people you tend to hang out with generally have in common?

What are the greatest barriers to deep friendships in our society?

Going Deeper

1) A super friend loves at all times

Review the following verses (*Proverbs 17:17 • Luke 7:33,34 • Matthew 26:47-50*)

What character qualities made Jesus a super friend?

What have been some of the hardest times in your life to love a friend?

Read Matthew 5:43-47 Why do you think God would call us to love others when we've been hurt by them?

2) A super friend is not satisfied with less than your best

Read Proverbs 27:17 and Proverbs 27:6. Is there a time in your life when you remember someone challenging you to be better in some area of your life?

How do you tend to respond when someone tries to sharpen you as a person?

What wisdom would you give to someone who felt compelled to challenge another person to growth?

Who is someone you feel like you need to challenge in some area of their life?

3) A friend goes beyond what is reasonable

Read Mark 2:1-12. What unreasonable steps did the paralytics friends take to see him healed?

Are you more likely to carry someone else's mat for them or to allow someone to carry your mat? Why

Are you the kind of person who lets others carry their mat when they are weak? Rate yourself below
(N= Never, • S=sometimes • A=Always)

Can you open up about your weaknesses and struggles _____

Are you able to let people see you when you are broken? _____

When you are struggling, do you ask people to pray for you? _____

What unreasonable steps do you feel God is calling you to make for your friends?