



Getting Started

Who knows you? Take a moment to play this game as a group. Have people guess how you'd answer one of the following questions

- What is your favorite color?
- What is your typical Starbucks order?
- Where were you born?
- What is your favorite TV show?
- What is your shoe size?
- What person would you choose to play you if your story was made into a movie?

What is something about you that only your closest friends know? (Come on, spill it!)

What are the upsides of being known?

What are the downsides of being known?

Going Deeper

On Sunday Lesley talked about three ways to be known in friendship. Take a moment to review each of them.

1. Make sacrifices for our friends

Read [1 Samuel 18: 1-4](#). What do these verses tell us about the sacrifice David and Jonathan made for each other?

What sacrifices are the most difficult for you to make for your friends?

Who is a friend who has sacrificed for you?

2. Bear each other's burdens 1 Samuel 19:1-6

Read [1 Samuel 19:1-6](#) and talk about how David and Jonathan bore each others burdens

Is it easier for you to bear another's burden or allow someone to share in your burdens? Why are both important?

3. Spiritually strengthen one another

Read [1 Samuel 23:15-18](#)

One of the most difficult ways we can strengthen each other is spiritually. Sometimes talking about God can make us feel awkward. What are some personal habits that we can develop that can take us to deep places spiritually with our friends?

Read [Ecclesiastes 4:9-10](#). What can you do in your life to nurture the kind of relationship that will be there for you during the difficult times of your life?

Prayer

Take a moment to share something you need prayer for. Challenge yourself to go beyond the surface to an area you are genuinely struggling with right now.

