



**Faith, Hope and Love | | Love and Friends**  
**Proverbs 17:17; 18:24; 27:6, 9-10**

Friendships are a very important part of life. With today's technology, it's easier than it has ever been to keep up with people. The interesting thing is that anxiety, depression and loneliness is higher than it has ever been.

- *Why do you think people are so lonely today and dealing with depression even though it's easy to keep up your friends through social media and other technological ways?*

**Read Proverbs 17:17; 18:24; 27:6, 9-10 together with your group from at least two different translations**

- *Based off of these scriptures, how would you define biblical friendship?*

Friendship is a unique and unusual relationship and it's more than just spending time together. It is having a companion that you share a common view of the world.

- *Do you have a friend that you are close to due to your views of life? Share about that friendship.*
- *What makes a Christian friendship different from a regular friendship? Do you find it easier to grow closer to your Christian friends than your non-Christian friends? Why or why not?*

Three implications that come from Christ-centered friendships are that all believers have the potential to be friends, we have a realistic understanding and view of each other, and we don't have to be jealous of each other.

- *Do you believe that it is important to have this type of relationships in our lives? Explain.*

Take some time this week to be intentional to share with that close friend how much you appreciate them and are thankful for their friendship.