

10 LESSONS FOR A LIFE OF SIGNIFICANCE

LESSON 3 // PARTNER WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE

Big Idea: To have a significant life that makes an impact on others, you must partner with the right people. Your future is determined by your friends—that's why it's so important to choose your friends wisely.

This starts with an understanding of what it means to be a true friend. Friendship is more than a feeling, a “like” on social media, or a label. It requires commitment—a covenant to demonstrate the God-kind of love toward someone. It's also important to be very intentional about the kind of person and friend you're becoming. You need to be the right kind of friend to have the right friends.

1 Samuel 18:1-4 (NIV) *After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. ² From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family. ³ And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. ⁴ Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.*

Discussion Questions:

This weekend we learned that who we partner with determines a significant portion of our lives. What part of the message spoke to you the most and why?

Have you ever experienced or witnessed something that destroyed a friendship? Looking back, is there anything that could've been done differently? Why or why not?

Who are your closest friends? Do they encourage your spiritual growth in the Lord? If so, how?

What makes a good friendship? (communication, honesty, grace, etc.) Based on these qualities, how is your friendship with the Lord? Does the time you spend with God reflect the friendship you want with him?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. As you evaluate your friendships, are you a “good” friend? Do you love your friends like these verses describes we should love one another? If not, what can you do to love people with Christ-like love?

Reflect on the kind of friend David was to Saul and vice versa. How do you invest in your most important friendships?

Prayer Focus:

Lord, help us to invest in the friendships that honor you. Thank you Lord for bringing the right people into our lives. Help us to develop friendships that glorify you. In Jesus' name, amen.

Leader Tip:

Set up a time to just hang out with your group to encourage friendships within the group.