



WEEK 2

INTRODUCTION:

In order for Christians to have meaningful friendships as Christians, we should first befriend God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Icebreaker: Describe a favorite memory with one of your good friends. What makes that memory special? Would it be as memorable if it were with another person? Why not?

READ: 1 John 4:7-21 & Luke 10:38-42

1. In Julian's story, he talked about wandering away from God. Describe a time in your life when you wandered away from God. How is your life different being a relationship with him?
2. Is it easy or difficult for you to recognize God's love for you? Why do you think that is?
3. In Martha and Mary's story, which one do you most identify with? What things preoccupy your time, thoughts, and energy other than Christ? How do you think those things impact your relationship with God?
4. As Dan illustrated in his sermon, what's the difference between striving to be like Jesus and being with Jesus?
5. What are potential personal and relational consequences of focusing on what people think rather than on God? How was displayed out of your life?

MOVING FORWARD:

Read and reflect on 1 John 4:7-21 & Luke 10:38-42 this week. Spend a few minutes each morning thinking about how God has expressed his love to you. Lay down any expectations you impose on yourself, confess sin, and ask him fill you with his love as you go about your week.

UNLEASH THE GOSPEL:

Choose one person in your life to intentionally love this week. Do one loving action for them and pray for them. Ask God to express his love through you to this person.