

King and Cross || Who's in Your Circle?

Group Notes

INTRODUCTION

The men with the paralytic were very persistent in getting their friend to Jesus. They did not let any obstacles keep them from Jesus. We should also set Jesus as the priority in our own lives. We should not let anything keep us from spending time with Him and serving Him. Their faith was evident from their actions. Is our faith equally evident?

CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. What are the activities you like to do with your closest friends that might be different than most?
2. What are the key things you look for in a good friend and why?

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your message notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Who are 5 people you spend the most time with and is there influence among those 5 that you need to re-evaluate?
2. What are the questions you ask yourself to determine if you have authentic friendships?
3. Read [Mark 2:1-12](#). Why did the friends of the paralytic man go to such great effort for Jesus to see him and what do we learn about friendship from these men?
4. What insights into how Jesus views friendship are revealed in this passage?
5. Robert talked about having friends that are growth minded. Do your friends share your faith and values and how do you incorporate God into your friendship?
6. Read [Psalm 1:1-3](#). How does this passage help us understand the value of being aware of who we spend the most time with?

PRAYER

Go around the group and share one friend that you are grateful for being in your life that represents a friend like those of the paralytic. Thank God for that person in your life. Pray that you can be that faithful friend to another. Pray that the obstacles in your life that keep you from spending time and serving Jesus will be removed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Care Groups will start up the week of February 13th. For more information and to sign-up, go to care.sv.cc
- On the second weekend of every month, we do our We Care Food Drive. Sun Valley donates the food collected to local partners and food banks. You can find a list of the most needed items listed by campus [here](#). Our next We Care weekend is February 11 and 12.
- Serve Day is coming up on February 18. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our community together as a group/family. There are multiple projects to choose from across the East Valley. Serving together as a group is a great way to grow deeper in your friendships while supporting your local communities. For more information and to sign-up, go to serveday.sv.cc
- Summer Global Mission Trip registrations will be closing March 1. If you have been considering joining one of our teams in Nicaragua or South Africa, please be sure to secure your spot now with your \$100 deposit. For more information about our Global Mission Trip opportunities or to register, visit world.sv.cc or contact Ashley Smallwood at asmallwood@sunvalleycc.com