



How to Ruin a Perfectly Good Relationship: Be Bad at Friendships

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Use the following as a starting point for conversation:

1. Read John 13:12-15 aloud.
2. What does Jesus command us here? When you think about most of your friendships, do you find you typically focus more on serving your friends or on being served? What are some specific things you can do this week to selflessly serve some of your friends?
3. Think about other things you know about Jesus and how He interacted with people. What qualities did He display as a friend? Which ones would you like to grow in and how might you go about doing that?
4. Read Colossians 3:12-13 aloud.
5. Is it hard for you to forgive people? Are you still holding on to any bitterness from any of your friendships? Why do you think that is? How can you begin to let it go? Is there anything in your current friendships that you need to address now so you can forgive and move on rather than giving bitterness a chance to grow?
6. Read Ephesians 4:29 aloud.
7. Do you tend to use negative humor or sarcasm when you interact with people or have an “I’m only teasing out of love” attitude? If so, why do you think that is? What steps could you take to stop using your words carelessly? How can you be more proactive in using your words to build up those around you and speak life into them?
8. Does Josh’s encouragement to ask a close friend to evaluate you as a friend scare you? What do you think they might say? Who will you commit to asking to evaluate you this week?