

## Discussion Questions from November 1 Sermon, "Friendship Stories"

1. What are some unhealthy things that might happen in a relationship/friendship where God is not first?
2. How did Jonathan demonstrate Leviticus 19:18 and Matthew 22:37-39 in I Samuel 18:1-4?
3. How are Leviticus 19:18 and Matthew 22:37-39 demonstrated in Luke 10:33-37?
4. The Bible has many friendship stories. What lessons can be learned from these biblical examples?
  - a. Ruth and Naomi (Ruth 1:15-17)
  - b. Job and his friends (Job 2:11-13, 19:13-19)
  - c. Priscilla, Aquilla, and Paul (Romans 16:3-4 and Acts 18: 1-3, 18)
6. What are some ways that friendships are hurt or destroyed?
  - a. Matthew 26:48-49
  - b. Psalm 41:9
  - c. Psalm 55:12-14
  - d. Proverbs 16:28
  - e. Proverbs 17:9
  - f. Proverbs 22:24
7. What are some ways friendships are strengthened?
  - a. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
  - b. Proverbs 17:17
  - c. Proverbs 27:17
  - d. Proverbs 27:10
7. Think practically about your deep friendships. What is required in order to make and keep these relationships?
8. Tell of a time when you failed as you tried to develop a deep friendship, why did it fail? Or, tell of a time you succeeded in developing a deep friendship, why did it succeed?