SCRIPTURE CARD GUIDE FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

"FRIENDSHIP DONE RIGHT: DAVID AND JONATHAN" AUGUST 7 & 8

SERIES OVERVIEW:

You are NOT disqualified from real life with God, even though life is messy. Sometimes we fall into the trap of thinking we are beyond hope when we find ourselves battling the same sins and temptations. Having a clear understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus means that we are forgiven, walking in grace and NOT perfect. We are a work in progress, and so are the people around us. As we learn to know God better and better, He equips us with everything we need to live in His will and be pleasing in His sight. (Hebrews 13:21)

Follow the directions below for a guided group discussion with a friend, in a family, small group, etc. Grab a Scripture Card (printed or electronic) and simply follow steps from 1 to 6 on this page and the next.



OPENING PRAYER:

About 2 minutes

Ask a volunteer to open in prayer.



BIG IDEA: About 1 minute to read

Proverbs 18:24 "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who stays closer than a brother." While certain friendships may feel like they'll last a lifetime. circumstances can strain relationships. What we see in Jonathon and David's friendship points us to the truth of Jesus words, "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." John 15:12-13



INTRO QUESTION:

About 10 minutes

What attributes of a good friend are most desirable to you?



August 7 & 8, 2021 Jonathan went to find David and encouraged him to stay strong in his faith in God. - 1 Samuel 23:16 NLT

🖌 Reflect 🌘

Read the full passage in your Bible - 1 Samuel 23:7-18.

What word or phrase is the Holy Spirit highlighting from the scripture reading?

What might God be calling you to repent of or realign in your life?

What would acting upon this or obeying God look like? Be curious...and then do it.

DISCUSSION HELP:

Use follow-up questions to take the discussion deeper. Guide answers to be honest and real.

Can you say more about that?

How have you seen that play out in your life?

What does that stir up in you?

Has anyone else had a similar thought or experience?

What might God be inviting you to do?

SCRIPTURE READING + GROUP DISCUSSION

About 40-45 minutes

Read the entire scripture passage aloud as a group and discuss the questions on the card above. Use the **Discussion Help sidebar** to encourage deeper discussion.

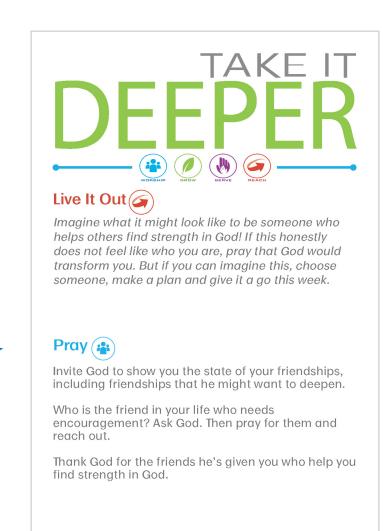
In what ways does Jonathan encourage David? (1 Samuel 23:16-17) Who encourages you in the Lord? How? In what specific circumstances do you need encouragement today?

See 1 Samuel 18:1, 20:17 and Matthew 22:39. Jonathan and David give us an example of loving your neighbor as yourself. Is there someone in your life with whom you provide this type of relationship? In what ways is it easy to live out Jesus' command? In what ways is it difficult?





Read this section aloud. Invite the group to take the steps listed. Check in next time on how it went! What opportunities did God provide to you to try this out?



CLOSING GROUP PRAYER:

About 5 minutes

Read the prayer section on the card aloud, and take a moment of silence for each person to reflect on the prayer prompt personally.

Close with a time of popcorn prayer.