

***Intentional Friendships***  
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Philippians 2:19-30 (Page # 900 in the Pew Bibles)

**1. Two Friendships of Paul**

- a. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ Timothy
- b. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ with Epaphroditus

**2. Friendships Characterized by Paul**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2 Timothy 4:9-22
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Your Friendships of 2018**

- a. The Example of \_\_\_\_\_ &  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. See Yourself Two Ways
  - i. The Need to \_\_\_\_\_ with  
Someone
  - ii. The Need to \_\_\_\_\_ in  
Someone
- c. Be \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Be Adventurous
  - i. The \_\_\_\_\_ News
  - ii. Break the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Past
  - iii. Seek a Cord of \_\_\_\_\_

## **Study Questions**

### **Winter 2018: Week 1 of 12**

**(½ Hr. of Preparation before Connection Group, More is Optional)**

#### **Looking Up to God:**

Read the following passages and state what you believe to be God's intention for your life from them: Ecclesiastes 4:10-12; Proverbs 17:17; Proverbs 27:6; and Proverbs 27:17.

Reading the following two accounts of Paul's friends: 2 Timothy 4:9-22, and Acts 20:31-21:17. Categorize Paul's friends in groups. Do not be too detailed, think big picture with big categories.

#### **Looking into Others:**

**True or False:** As a devout follower of Christ I am above moral failure in opposite sex relationships as "I can do all things through Christ."

State the consequences of your answer and/or write a question for the group to discuss.

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Share a story from your life that has happened since last time we met. It could be something awesome or something not so awesome.

In the message Paul's relationships were characterized. Circle the characteristic that causes you the most struggle.

Presence

Sacrifice

Endurance

How do families help or hinder non-family friendships?

**Looking Out to Others:**

**True or False:** As I look to invest in someone they should **not** be a *Not Yet* because they are not yet following Christ.

What can be our next project?

**Looking Ahead:**

Why is abortion such an important issue for the Body of Christ?

**Looking into Myself (Private):**

Who would be a good mentor for you? Are you willing to ask them to labor with you intentionally? Pray about it.

Who would be a worthwhile investment in your life? Are you willing to pray about connecting with them intentionally?