

Friendship Connections

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Fostering relationships that create opportunities to share the gospel and your life with others.

A. Jesus the friend of sinners – Matthew 11:19 NASB – *"The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners.' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."*

- 1. Jesus was called a friend of sinners**
- 2. Jesus ate and talked with people who were religious and social outcasts**
- 3. He loved them where they were so that He might take them into a better place**

B. What caused the disciples to drop everything when Jesus said, "Follow Me?"

- 1. He was known for eating dinner with sinners**
- 2. Luke 19:5 (Zaccheus)**

C. Heart motives of a friend

- 1. Proverbs 22:11 – "He who loves purity of heart and whose speech is gracious, the king is his friend."**
- 2. Proverbs 17:17 – "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."**
- 3. Proverbs 19:6b – "...every man is a friend to him who gives gifts."**

D. Practical examples / personal experiences

- 1.**
- 2.**

E. Do you have someone to work with?