

Friending Series  
“Unfriending”

**Show me your friends and  
I’ll show you your future.**

*Walk with the wise and become wise;  
associate with fools and get in trouble.*

Proverbs 13:20 (NLT)

*The righteous choose their friends carefully,  
but the way of the wicked leads them astray.*

Proverbs 12:26 (NIV)

**It’s impossible to live the right life  
when you have the wrong friends.**

*Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.” Come  
back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning.*

1 Corinthians 15:33-34a (NIV)

*The Son of Man, on the other hand, feasts and drinks, and you  
say, ‘He’s a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax collectors  
and other sinners!’ But wisdom is shown to be right by its results.”*

Matthew 11:19 (NLT)

*Don’t team up with those who are unbelievers. How can  
righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live  
with darkness?*

2 Corinthians 6:14 (NLT)

**Two things I won’t let my friends do:**

**Distract me from God’s plan.**

*Jesus turned to Peter and said, “Get away from me, Satan! You  
are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a  
human point of view, not from God’s.”*

Matthew 16:23 (NLT)

**Continually tempt me to sin.**

*She kept putting pressure on Joseph day after day, but he refused  
to sleep with her, and he kept out of her way as much as possible.  
One day, however, no one else was around when he went in to do  
his work. She came and grabbed him by his cloak, demanding,  
“Come on, sleep with me!” Joseph tore himself away, but he left  
his cloak in her hand as he ran from the house.*

Genesis 39:10-12 (NLT)

**One thing I will never stop doing:**

**Loving people with the unconditional  
love of Christ.**

*So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other.  
Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love  
for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”*

John 13:34-35 (NLT)

**SO WHAT?**

**We meet friends by chance.  
We deepen friendships by choice.**

## **Growth Group Questions**

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. If you could add one friend to your life, anyone from history either alive or dead, who would it be? Why?
2. Tell of a time a friend in your life influenced you to go in the wrong direction. What was the outcome?
3. Re-read Acts 1 Corinthians 15:33-34a. Is there a friend in your life who is tempting you or distracting you from Gods plan?

How can you redefine that relationship?

4. Describe a time in your life when someone showed you the unconditional love of Christ. How did it impact you?
5. Re-read John 13:34-35. Who do you need to show the unconditional love of Christ to? How are you going to do that?
6. Do you feel that your core friendships are strong enough for you to reach out and friend those that don't know Christ?

What are you going to do about that?