

SERMON NOTES

August 15 & 16, 2026

Better Together: Friends that Stick

1. Definition: A friend is someone who _____ about you and _____
_____ in being with you. **Proverbs 18:24**

2. America is suffering from an epidemic of _____ and _____.

3. Yearly, more and more people are feeling _____, _____, and
_____.

4. Loneliness and isolation are _____. **Genesis 2:18**

5. You can't _____ without being _____ and
_____ relationally.

6. If you want to grow spiritually, you have to _____.

7. Developing friendships that stick will take _____ and _____.

8. Satisfying, close relationships are what keep people _____ and _____.

9. Jesus is _____. **John 15:15**

Life Steps

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Monday

Proverbs 18:24

Reflect: What was your takeaway from the weekend message? Think of the most satisfying, life-giving relationships you currently have. What are the characteristics that make them so satisfying and life-giving?

Prayer: Text and check in with a friend right now. Pray for the friend that you just connected with via text.

Tuesday

Proverbs 17:17

Reflect: How have you experienced the truth of Proverbs 17:17 in your relationships? List all the people who know most everything about you and still delight in being with you.

Prayer: Right now, express gratitude via text for something a friend recently did for you or said to you. Pray for the friend that you just connected with via text.

Wednesday

Proverbs 18:19-21

Reflect: How have you experienced or witnessed both life and death when it comes to words and friendships? Is there a friend you need to ask for or offer forgiveness? When are you going to do what you sense the Holy Spirit instructing you to do?

Prayer: Right now, send a text to a friend affirming a quality in them you admire. Pray for the friend that you just connected with via text.

Thursday

Proverbs 17:17

Reflect: What challenges have you faced in the building of satisfying and healthy friendships? What do you sense God asking you to do to develop and hold on to healthier friendships? Check out the classes and small group opportunities on the App.

Prayer: Right now, text a friend inviting them to meet you for coffee. If they ask why, say just to connect and enjoy their company. Pray for the friend that you just connected with via text.

Friday

John 15:13

Reflect: In our modern world context, what do you think it means to “lay down your life” for a friend? List your friends who might currently need some evidence of sacrificial love. What do you sense the Holy Spirit saying to you about you and your friends?

Prayer: Send a short prayer text to a friend.

Saturday

John 15:15

Reflect: How have you experienced Jesus as a friend who sticks? What will you do to cultivate a more satisfying, healthy, sticky relationship with Jesus? Remember to check out the classes and small group opportunities on the App.

Prayer: Text a friend, letting them know you would love to connect with them this weekend before or after worship. If you have the time, give them a call instead of sending a text. Pray for that friend.

Sunday

Matthew 18:20

Reflect: Today is another worship day where we get to gather with friends to praise and offer thanks to God. Come this morning with an open heart and be looking for opportunities to connect with others in the spirit of friendship.

Prayer: Thank you, God, for my church family. Use me today to connect others to you and to each other.