

Jesus Shaped Relationships

2. The Risk of Friendship

March 12/13, 2022

**The goal of our group is to multiply a healthy group through disciple-making.
A disciple is one who loves and obeys Jesus.**

Welcome! Who was your very first “best friend”?

The Discipleship Question: Share the name of the person or persons you feel prompted to honor and serve.

Up: Pray as a group and have each person offer a short prayer for unity in our world, our country, our community, and the church.

[Watch a short recap video of this week’s message.](#)

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide us as we read Matthew 26:36-46:

- What do you see as the most powerful point of this passage?
- As Jesus prepared for the challenge He was about to face, He gathered His closest friends to join Him in prayer, but they fell asleep. How would that make you feel?
- Friendships can be messy. Share a time when you let a friend down or a friend let you down.
- What stands in the way of being more authentic and consistent in your friendships?
- What risks are you willing to take to deepen the friendships in your life?
- How can you be a better friend? Share this in an “I will” statement.

Out: We look Out with the BLESS rhythms (have someone share the meaning of the acronym if needed). Who is someone you can invite to Eat with you this week and show you care as you Listen to them?

Don’t miss the next Encounter coming up on March 25-26! Spots are limited, so register now at xr.church/encounter.

Family Circle

This section is designed to invite kids to participate in worship and a short scripture study.

Worship Song: [My Lighthouse- Rend Collective](#)

Read the scripture John 4:1-30, 39-42 together.

Discuss:

What is one way Jesus showed the woman at the well that she mattered?

What happened as a result of Jesus being kind and speaking to the woman?

