

1. **Read** Genesis 1:2, 1:26 and John 1:1.
 - a. Who was with God during the creation of man?
 - b. What can you infer about the relational nature of God?
2. **Read** John 11:32-37. How does the emotional connection of Jesus with his friends inform the emotional importance of your relationships?
3. What are a few reasons you invest in friendships, and how do you help keep those friendships healthy?
4. What has made it hard for you to stay connected to other men?
5. **Read** John 1:35-42 and Hebrews 10:24-25. What do these verses say about human relationship as part of God's plan for mankind?
6. **Read** 1 Cor 12:11-30. What do these verses teach you about one of the key purposes of our Christian relationships?
7. **Read** 1 Samuel 18:1, 20:41-42, Proverbs 18:24, and John 15:12-15. What are some elements of close friendships that you see in these verses?
8. What can you do this week to improve one friendship that matters to you?