## **IrelWired – Friends with Benefits**

Weekend Discussion Questions November 22-23, 2014

## Community:

- 1. Scott mentioned he has had a crazy Fall, and is just now able to slow things down, what part of your life has recently been hectic and what should you focus more on instead of your busy schedule?
- 2. Scott also mentioned how he and his wife are intentional with the time that they spend together. How can you and your (husband, wife, significant other or friends) spend your time more intentionally?

## Core:

- 1. Look as this quote that Scott used and then talk about how it applies to you and your father. How does your path extend from your fathers hand? "I believe my way went from that hand as a path goes from a door, and though many a mile that way has led me since, with many a turn and crossroad in between, if ever I should trace it back, it's to my father's hand that it would lead"-Buechner
- 2. We have been looking at the story of Adam and Eve and how they addressed their sin. They covered it up, hid from God and blamed someone else. How have you done this in your life?
- 3. Another quote that Scott talked about was "The central paradox of our condition that we hunger for perhaps more than anything else is to be known in our full humanness, yet that is often what we also fear more than anything else." In what ways are you known in your full humanness?
- 4. If you aren't known in your full humanness, what is holding you back?
- 5. What do you think it means to be best friends with your wife or husband? (Or boyfriend or girlfriend?)
- 6. What do you think "Don't try to get from anyone or anything what you can only get from God" means?

## Challenge:

- 1. Think back to the marriage pyramid that Scott covered, (Base: Emotionally, Spiritual, Intellectual, Recreational. 2<sup>nd</sup> Level: Touch, Proximity. Top Level: Sex.) If you are married, where in your relationship do you need to place more emphasis? Which of these are you good at pursuing with your spouse?
- 2. What do you sense God is currently doing in your life? What's he changing, shaping, working on, or challenging you with?

