

Under Review: Friends
Weekend Discussion Questions
January 23-24, 2016

Community:

1. Who was your first best friend? Do you still stay in contact with them?
2. Who would you say is your best friend today, and why?

Core:

1. What would you say has been the biggest, positive benefit from your closest friendships?
2. **Read Proverbs 13:20.** Do you have someone wise that walks with you in life? If so, what is it that makes them so wise?
3. Have you ever suffered *harm* from being in the *companion of fools*? Explain.
4. **Read 1 Kings 12:1-15.** Like Rehoboam, has there been a time when you turned down sound, wise advice because you didn't want to hear it? What was the end-result?
5. **Read Proverbs 27:6.** Do you have anyone in your life who is willing to *wound* you for your own good? If not, what can you do to cultivate that friendship?
6. Scott Nickell talked about our need to be vulnerable and open to our closest friends. What keeps you from being vulnerable with others?
7. Are you putting yourself into environments and situations where you have a greater chance of cultivating solid, wise friendships—with people who should have a seat at your table?

Challenge:

As Scott demonstrated, by sitting his closest friends on stage at a table, put your friendships *under review* this week. Answer the following questions regarding who's sitting at your *friendship table* and bring your answers back next week to share with the group.

- (1) Who are the friends sitting at your *table*?
- (2) What is their motivation for being there?
- (3) Be honest. Are they wise or unwise council?
- (4) Is there anyone who SHOULD NOT be sitting at your table?
- (5) Have you given everyone permission to speak into your life?
- (6) Are you being honest with them?

