

today

Friendships in our culture are challenging. Many have no friendships, while many more have friendships that are toxic rather than life-giving. The example of David and Jonathan shows us what a true, life-giving friendship looks like. How can we join with others who walk Beside us to find the life God calls us to?

scripture for further reading

1 Samuel 20:1-42; Matthew 10:1-8; Matthew 26:36-46; Luke 10:1-17; Romans 16:1-16

discussion questions

1. Why do you think so many people in our culture don't have intimate friendships? Why do people allow toxic relationships into their lives?
2. Why are intimate friendships key to a healthy spirituality? How are they different from spousal relationships? How are they similar?
3. Describe David and Jonathan's friendship. What elements of their relationship stand out to you?
4. Overall, what do the relationships in your life look like? Are the "rings" in a good balance?
5. What next step do you need to take in a friendship this week?

