



## Discussion Guide for “Friendship”

### *Catalyst Together Week 1*

American culture is in the midst of what psychologists are calling a loneliness epidemic. How is the Church called to be a cure for loneliness? And what does that mean for what's ahead for Catalyst?

#### **Scriptures for Further Reading**

[Genesis 1:26-27](#)

[Genesis 2:15-18](#)

[John 15:9-15](#)

[1 John 2:7-11](#)

#### **Passage for Sacred Reading:**

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [Genesis 45:1-15](#).

#### **Questions for Discussion**

1. Where do you see loneliness in the world around you?
2. What does a close friend look like? How many close friends do you have?
3. JR. said that friendship is the heart of Christianity. Was that a surprising statement to you?
4. What is the difference between a church that is centered on friendship and one centered on preaching and music?
5. Read John 15:9-15. Why does Jesus call us his friends? Do you think of Jesus as your friend?
6. JR. said that Catalyst is a friendly church, but we could be better at making friends. Do you agree? How could it be easier to make friends at Catalyst?