



## Discussion Guide for “Friendship”

### *Proximity Warning Week 1*

Four big ideas are shaping Catalyst. First: Friendship. What did it mean that Jesus was called a 'friend of sinners'? What implications does that have for our relationships (or lack thereof)?

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

[Matthew 9:9-12](#)

[Matthew 11:18-19](#)

[John 15:12-17](#)

#### **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 [Matthew 9:1-38](#).

#### **Questions for Discussion**

1. How do you identify a true friend? How is friendship different from acquaintance?
2. Jesus had a reputation as a 'friend of sinners.' How did he get that reputation?
3. Friendship requires proximity. Why is that? What are the risks there?
4. What does real vulnerability look like for you? What relationships need more from you?
5. What will you do this week to press into friendships?