



Discussion Guide for “Friendship”

Table Setting Week 1

At Catalyst, we believe that Friendship is the heart of Jesus’ good news. What does that mean? Friendship with God invites us to go beyond hospitality to seeking friendship outside our own spaces. What does that mean for us - both as individuals and as a church? PLUS: we’ll hear from our Mexico team about how they discovered friendship in Chihuahua!

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. Get a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week’s sacred reading is [Matthew 8:18-20](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. At Catalyst we say, “Friendship is the heart of Jesus’ good news.” How does that statement strike you? What do we mean?
2. In John 14, Jesus tells his disciples that he no longer calls them slaves but friends. Do you feel like Jesus is your friend? Discuss.
3. Return to John 1:14 and Matthew 8:18-20. What are the implications of God putting Godself at the mercy of humanity?
4. Why is hospitality a key Christian virtue? How does Jesus’ homelessness challenge us to move beyond even hospitality?
5. What does it look like for you to practice friendship this week?