



CATCH MY WIND FLOW WITH ME

This past Sunday, Pastor John continued to preach on transforming friendships. We've been observing that this topic is very relevant for many of our folks. It seems like people from all different stages in life are wanting to develop transforming friendships. This week's lesson will provide an opportunity for our lifegroups to continue strengthening our bonds together as we progress towards developing transforming friendships. We'll have a shorter large group discussion before spending more time in small groups to share and get to know each other on a deeper level.

FAMILY TIME

Take some time to share prayer requests and praise reports with each other and encourage folks to keep praying for each other's prayer requests throughout the week and to believe that these will become future praise reports.

CULTIVATING TRANSFORMING FRIENDSHIPS

Introduction Question: What's an example of love in a friendship you've seen recently?

Remembrance Cards: Since this is a key verse that dictates what community looks like, let's have everyone write out John 13:34-35 on an index card so that they can put it up somewhere to remind them to intentionally grow in this. You can provide colored pencils for people to decorate their cards and get artsy if they'd like. People can also use the backs of these cards to take notes as we move into discussing what this passage means for us.

Key text - John 13:34-35:

34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Discussion Questions:

- What does *love* mean for Jesus?
- In what ways has Jesus loved these disciples?
- In what ways has Jesus loved us?
- What would it look for us to love one another?
- What would our love for one another mean to others?

Small Groups: In groups of 3-4, let's set apart more time in small groups than usual as a way to foster loving and transforming friendships. Here are some questions to discuss in small groups:

- What are ways you feel loved?
- How do you like to show love for others?
- What might your role look like in developing loving friendships here in this lifegroup?
- How can we be praying for you this week?

Then take time to pray together in small groups for each other and for love to grow in this lifegroup.

Friendship Building Games: You might consider playing some sort of friendship game to give folks a chance to step into building transforming friendships. Here are some possibilities:

- "Hot seat": in groups of 4-5, rotate having one person be on the "hot seat" for 5-minutes with others asking that person any question they want.

- "Speed dating": split into two groups that are lined up facing each other; each round you'll answer a question with the person across from you; then you'll rotate one person over and do the same. You will need to prepare a series of questions for this (e.g., who is your role model, what did you want to be when you were younger, what is your biggest dream).