

# Sermon Study Guide

February 4, 2018

## BITMOJI—Staying True Through the Different Faces/Emotions of Life.

### ICE BREAKER:

- ⇒ **Who was your best friend in elementary? Jr High? High school? Young adult? Have you kept in touch with any of your friends through the years?**

**REVIEW: Life is not fair!** Did you think about this during the past week? What affect did it have?

### LIFE IS BETTER WITH FRIENDS!

**Discuss the following quote:** "Friends help us flourish. They lighten our burdens... enlighten our thinking... enrich our lives. When we lose sight of our commitments... they remind us of them. When we falter... they help us stand. And we do the same for them." Eric Greitens

- ⇒ Have you ever had a friend like this? How did they help you grow as a person?
- ⇒ Do you have any friends like this now?
- ⇒ The old saying is "birds of a feather flock together." Do you agree with this? Why or why not?  
**READ 1 Corinthians 15:33** Have you ever experienced this truth in your life... or in someone else?
- ⇒ Few things in life shape us more than the people around us. Therefore, few choices are more important than deciding who we'll spend time with. What qualities do you look for in a friendship?

### LIFE IS BETTER WITH FRIENDS... who want what is best for each other!

- ⇒ How do we know Jonathan wanted what was best for David? **1 Samuel 18:1-4**
- ⇒ Have you ever had a friend sacrifice for you? Have you ever sacrificed for a friend? If so, how?
- ⇒ Do you think society today has a harder time understanding this than past generations? Why or why not?
- ⇒ Aristotle wrote: "A friend is...a single soul dwelling in two bodies." Describe this kind of friendship.

### LIFE IS BETTER WITH FRIENDS... who will stand up for us!

- ⇒ How did Jonathan stand up for David? **1 Samuel 19:1-6**
- ⇒ When have you had a friend stand up for you? When have you stood up for a friend?

### LIFE IS BETTER WITH FRIENDS... who speak the truth even when it's difficult!

- ⇒ How did Nathan speak the difficult truth to David? What was the result? **2 Samuel 12:1-13**
- ⇒ "A friend always stabs you in the front!" Oscar Wilde Why is confrontation so difficult?
- ⇒ Have you ever had a friend confront you in love? How did you respond?

### LIFE IS BETTER WITH FRIENDS... who bring out the best in you!? Who brings out your best?

- ⇒ **What lesson is God trying to teach you about friendship this week?**