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**Date:** April 3, 2022

**Series:** A Better Story

**Message:** Friendship

**Scripture:** John 15:12-17

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The necessity of friendship: \_\_\_\_\_

A requirement for friendship: \_\_\_\_\_

The choice of friendship: \_\_\_\_\_

The power for friendship: \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions for Reflection and Discussion

John 15:12-17

1. What are different ways people say they need friends or ways in which people express their loneliness?
2. What would you be willing to say in those conversations to point people to their need for Jesus?
3. What are some ways in which we could try to point people to their need for Jesus that would actually be counterproductive? In other words, what shouldn't we say or ask when people are talking about the need for friendship?
4. What is lacking even in the best relationships if Christ isn't in them? In other words, what is better about the Christian story of friendships?
5. When do people generally think you should sever friendships? Should Christians ever sever friendships?
6. What are some barriers to developing deep friendships within the church? How can we overcome those?