



**Discussion Questions**  
**Sermon title: "Jesus: Your Best Friend"**  
**Scripture: Proverbs 18:24**  
**Date: August 29 & 30, 2015**

Don't feel pressured to cover every single question. Feel free to disagree with and discuss any statement on the "Let's Review" Section.

**Let's Talk**

- Who was your first friend? Are you still friends? Do you know what she/he is doing now?

**Let's Review**

- Sermon scriptures: [Prvb. 11:13, 17:9-17, 18:24, 27:5-17] - [Mk. 1:41-42] - [Lk. 22:32] - [Jn. 2:24-25, 14:12]
- True friendship takes commitment, sympathy, trust, encouragement, and unfailing love.

**Let's Dig**

- What messages does our culture send us about friendship? Talk about movies, TV shows, music, books, etc. and how they depict friendship.
- Have you had a friend who, "sticks closer than a brother?" What made that relationship so tenacious?
- What impact does personality have on how you receive and express gestures of friendship?
- Read Psalm 105:8-11, Hosea 3:1-5, and 1 Samuel 18:1-4 and talk about the idea of covenant love.
  - a. What is the difference between a covenant and a contract?
  - b. How does the idea of covenant love interact with true friendship?
  - c. What does it take to have covenant love in friendship?
- Read Psalm 55:20-21, Proverbs 18:21, and Matthew 15:7-20 and talk about the power of words in friendship.
  - a. What do you think of the phrase, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me?"
  - b. Why do words hold so much power?
  - c. Think when you've been happiest and saddest; how were words involved?
- Read Matthew 18:15-20, Proverbs 19:11 and talk about conflict within friendship.
  - a. What value may conflict have in a friendship?
  - b. What does it mean to be, "slow to anger?"
  - c. What are some important measures to take when facing a serious conflict?

**Let's Act**

- Think of at least one way you can show Christ-like, covenant friendship to someone in your life this week.

