

REVOLUTION

Revolution—Week Two: With A Little Help From My Friends

Connect: Think about the friendships you've had over your life: Who was your first friend? Who has been one of your longest friends? Who is a friend that makes you laugh the most?

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1. **Read Mark 2:1-12.** What are some observations you notice about this story? What details stick out to you or what details do you wish were included?
2. Jon said, "At some point in all of our lives we're going to need friends who help us get close to Jesus and at other times we're going to need to be friends who help others get close to Jesus." There are 4 characters in this story: the Hurting, the Healer, the Hinderers, and the Helpers. The healer role is always filled by Jesus, but when in your life have you been any of the other characters?
3. Is it easy or difficult for you to put yourself "on the mat" for your friends? Do you ask the questions of "what if it was me?" or "what would I want my friends do for me?"
4. Many Americans are battling isolation, loneliness and lack good friendships. Where have you seen this demonstrated and what things do you think are contributing to it?
5. Read **Proverbs 13:20** and **1 Corinthians 15:33.** You can't live the right life with the wrong kind of friends. Do you agree with Jon's point about "stuff rubs off"? Are you putting that kind of importance and intentionality on the friends you surround yourself with?
6. Good friends will do more than just invite you into their house, good friends will help you become best friends with Jesus. Is this group accomplishing that? Is this group thinking about the people outside of this group who could benefit from being brought to Jesus? (Think back to the roles of Hurting, Healer, Hindering and Helping)
7. A good friend will hold nothing against you. A good friend will do anything for you. How has Jesus demonstrated both of those for all of humanity?

Pray: Thank God for the perfect example of friendship and sacrifice we have in Jesus. Thank him for the friends you have in your life or ask him to help bring those people into your life. Ask God to help you be the kind of friend who is helping to bring others close to Jesus.

Next: This week work on memorizing **Luke 6:31** "Do to others what you want them to do to you". Have it in your mind throughout the day and see how it affects your interactions with others: your spouse, your kids, your friends, your co-workers, even complete strangers.