

## Community Group Discussion Guide - Week of 4/18/2021

**Unraveled Series Part 8 - "Friendship"** – *"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13*

Sermon Series Overview: In this series called *Unraveled*, we need the gospel speak compellingly and coherently to our contemporary lives, we need to hear it in the context of the Biblical storyline of Creation, Fall, and Restoration and the picture is distorted when we interpret the world without these three biblical story lenses. We are reminded and affirmed in the difficulty of following Jesus in a complex time where it seems like everything is unraveling around us.

### **Emotional Health Check In (20 Minutes)**

Take a few minutes to do an emotional health check-in with your Community, creating space for each person to answer the questions below:

- Where did you see/sense/feel/hear/experience God this last week?  
Where do you need to see/sense/feel/hear/experience God in the week ahead?
- Spend a few minutes praying for God's voice to be clear in each other's lives. Specifically pray and ask that God would allow each person to see/sense/feel/hear/experience God's presence where they need to this week.

### **Scripture Reading (5 Minutes)**

- Genesis 2:18-25 & John 15:12-19

### **Debrief Sunday's Teaching (20 Minutes)**

With that in mind and notes from the sermon, work through the following discussion questions as a Community:

1. How does Genesis 1-2 shape your understanding of God's design for friendships?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What have been barriers for you towards friendship? What prevents you from vulnerability and depth in the friendships you have?

3. What is a step you can or need to take in the friendships you have to experience greater emotional and spiritual intimacy?
  
4. Do you believe that this community group is a place where you are safe to be who you are? What has prevented you or keeps you from vulnerability in this community group? What is a step that this community group can or needs to take to grow in vulnerability or depth?

**Prayer:** Take some time to reflect upon the people in your life. Pray God leads you to a place in your relationships where you can experience greater emotional and spiritual intimacy.

**Practice For The Week Ahead:** As you reflect on those you are in community with, identify 1 or 2 people you take the next step in vulnerability and accountability.

**Sermon Notes:**