

HOW TO FORGE MEANINGFUL FRIENDSHIPS

# Friendology

DEPENDENCY \* DIVERSITY \* DILIGENCE

## Part 1: Image Is Everything

In the beginning, there was a problem mentioned even before the first sin was committed. And it's a problem that still gets in the way of developing thriving friendships.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What factors do you think have contributed to the increase in feelings of isolation and loneliness?
  2. A recent study showed that over the past 50 years, people have increasingly experienced feelings of being isolated, invisible, and insignificant. Is that true about you? Does one of those words ring more true than the others? If so, which one and why?
  3. Read **John 15:12–13**. What stands out to you from this passage? Do any of your friends come to mind as you think about these verses? If so, who? And how so?
  4. What does it mean to you to regard fellow believers as brothers and sisters in Christ? How can considering friends in the faith as "brothers and sisters" help to form deep friendships?
  5. Would you say you're diligent when it comes to cultivating meaningful relationships? If so, what makes you say that? If not, what is a step you can take in order to be diligent?
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