



Journey Church
Jonathan | 1 Samuel 13-20
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What if...

- The friendships that change our lives are forged long before they're formed

God's Story

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How God Forms Faithful Friends

1. God forms hearts that trust Him

- People who trust God become the kind of people others can trust

2. God forms hearts that celebrate others

- Kingdom friendship asks, "How can I help someone become who God created them to be?"

3. God forms hearts that remain faithful

- Faithfulness isn't built in crisis it is revealed there

Jesus

John 15:13

- Jesus is the faithful friend who forms us into faithful friends

Small group:

1. Who is someone God has used as a faithful friend in your life, and what made that friendship meaningful?
2. Jonathan trusted God, celebrated David, and remained faithful even when it was difficult. Which of these qualities (trust, celebration, faithfulness) is God inviting you to grow in right now?
3. John 15:13 says, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." How does Jesus' example of friendship change the way we love and serve others?

Be Intentional:

This week, take one intentional step toward faithful friendship: encourage someone, celebrate someone's growth, or show up for someone who needs support. Ask God to help you become the kind of friend that reflects Jesus.

Pray:

Spend time praying together. What are some ways in which you can pray for each other? Take some time in the coming week to explore ways in which you can encourage one another. Remember to share with your group what you are learning about those opportunities and reflect on God's Word as you pray for each other.