

## Family Group Outline – May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MBC:**

1. Our monthly prayer meeting is this Saturday, June 6th at 8:30am.
2. VBS registration is now open for students! Use your KidCheck account to sign up. If you need help, you can contact Courtney Seitz at [Courtney.Seitz@Makakilochurch.org](mailto:Courtney.Seitz@Makakilochurch.org).
3. We will be having a welcome luncheon for the Alvarados on Sunday, June 7th during the Sunday School hour.
4. In partnership with a number of other churches on island, we are sponsoring a free concert and lecture with Matt Papa on June 26th and 27th at Waialae Baptist. You can secure your free ticket here: <https://waialaebaptist.org/abwls>
5. We are hosting a Young Adult fellowship event at MBC on June 19th at 6pm.
6. To prepare for the preaching of the word on this coming Lord's Day, we would encourage you to meditate on the passage ahead of time. This Sunday's sermon will be from 1 Corinthians 15:35-49.

**WHAT WE BELIEVE:** *Of Sanctification* - We believe that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means—especially the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, and prayer. 1 Thess. 4:3; 5:23; 2 Cor. 7:1; 13:9; Eph. 1:4; Prov. 4:18; 2 Cor. 3:18; Heb. 6:1; 2 Pet. 1:5-8; Phil. 3:12-16; 1 John 2:29; Rom. 8:5; John 3:6; Phil. 1:9-11; Eph. 1:13-14; Phil. 2:12-13; Eph. 4:11-12; 1 Pet. 2:2; 2 Pet. 3:18; 2 Cor. 13:5; Luke 11:35; 9:23; Matt. 26:41; Eph. 6:18; 4:30.

**WISDOM:** “There is nothing on this earth to be more prized than true friendship.” - Thomas Aquinas

**WORD:** “Living for the Life to Come”, 1 Corinthians 15:29-34

#### **Suggested questions:**

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:29-34. Was there anything that particularly challenged, impacted, or confused you from this Sunday's message?
2. How does the hope of resurrection change how we live presently?
3. How do we distinguish between helpful relationships with unbelievers and unhelpful relationships with unbelievers?

**DIGGING DEEPER:** Should Christians Be Friends with Unbelievers?

<https://thecripplegate.com/should-christians-be-friends-with-unbelievers/>

## Should Christians Be Friends with Unbelievers?

Jesse Johnson

Should Christians be friends with non-believers?

Well there are two biblical concepts at play in this question—the first is the principle of purity and the second is the mandate for evangelism.

### ***The Principle of Purity:***

Christians are called to be pure. We are supposed to guard our hearts, our thoughts, and our ways. The danger of a friendship with a non-believer is that might bring the Christian down. It could bring a Christian down morally, intellectually, and spiritually.

The Bible says that “Bad company corrupts good morals” (1 Corinthians 15:33). By spending time around those who don’t love Jesus or fear the Lord, we run the risk of negatively impacting our own morality, hampering our world-view, and compromising spiritually.

That is not a prohibition to Christians against these kind of friendships; but it is a warning—a warning that our friendships we guard our hearts, minds, and affections.

### ***The Mandate for Evangelism:***

To counter the principle of purity, we remember that we also have a mandate for evangelism. We have received the great commission, and respond knowing that we are to go into all the world to make converts from non-believers. And one of the most effective ways to evangelize is through our friendships.

When we befriend a non-Christian, we can use our friendship to open up conversations about the gospel. But these kind of friendships are not token, and they cannot be superficial. They have to be based on real love for the person, and a real sense of common interests and affections, with a real concern for the well-being of the other. In other words, it has to be an authentic friendship, not a manipulated one.

The purpose behind these kind of friendships is the love for the other person—you want what is best for him—so it *must* make it back to the gospel. The warning for friendship evangelism is that his has to come back to the gospel, or it represents a missed opportunity. You have to ask the questions that take the friendship from the things of this world into the things of eternity.

So should Christians be friends with unbelievers? Absolutely, if they are using their friendships to advance the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## 1 Corinthians 15:29-34

<sup>29</sup> Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? <sup>30</sup> Why are we in danger every hour?

<sup>31</sup> I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day!

<sup>32</sup> What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” <sup>33</sup> Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins

good morals.” <sup>34</sup> Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.