

# PARENTS NEED STRONG FRIENDSHIPS

## Why is this important?

During his earthly ministry, Jesus performed many miracles, preached to thousands, healed the sick, and spent time in prayer. Jesus also invested His time in teaching and training His twelve disciples (Luke 6:12-16). He hand-picked these guys. They would be the men who would carry His message of good news to the world. He wanted them to know His heart, to feel His love for others, and to know His Father.

Jesus poured His life into these men. He taught them how to pray, heal the sick, and preach the good news. For three years they did life together. He fed the 5000, made blind eyes see, and walked on water. However, it was the personal time Jesus spent with these twelve men that made all the difference.

## The Challenge

The disciples became men of God who took the message of grace, love, and forgiveness to a world in need. Our challenge is to not only be a disciple but to make disciples and live in a community with other believers. Our kids need to see us living in a community with other believers. Strong friendships not only help you through the good days of parenting they help you when times are tough.

If you asked your kids to name your three best friends, who would they list out?

How would you rate yourself as a friend?

BAD

Awesome



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**Why is discipleship better achieved in small groups rather than large assemblies?**

**How did Jesus model friendship?**

**Do you have a group of friends you are committed to? Why or why not?**

**Write out a time when a friend came along side you to bear your burdens.**

**Do you struggle with friendships? If so, what are some reasons why?**