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## MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Start with an icebreaker question to get everyone talking, then choose the questions that work best for your group.

### Summer Wise – Summer Not Week 5 – Cultivating Friendship

#### ICE-BREAKER:

How many true friends would you say you have had in your lifetime? How many today?

#### DISCUSS:

Who has the freedom to speak truth into your life? Can they tell you the truth without the fear that you will turn your back on them and walk away?

Would you consider yourself a great friend? Which of the six qualities of a great friend best describe you?

**READ:**       *“A mirror reflects a man’s face, but what he is really like is shown by the kind of friends he chooses.” - Proverbs 27:19 (TLB)*

What do the kind of friends you have chosen say about the kind of friend you are?

*“As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.” - Proverbs 27:17 (NLT)*

How is it possible that friends can “sharpen” one another?

*“So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.” - Romans 5:11 (NLT)*

What does it mean to be a friend of God?

#### APPLY:

Which of the six qualities of great friends do you need to work on the most?

Who in your life needs to hear that Jesus makes it possible for us to be friends of God? When will you tell them?