

## Small Group Fair

# This is Friendship

### I. Introduction

A. Prov. 17:17 (NAS) *A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.*

### II. Moving Into Real Friendship

A. You must define friendship.

1. Friendship is a growing commitment among peers to seek the well-being of each other.

2. Phil. 2:3-4 (NAS) *<sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; <sup>4</sup>do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.*

B. Recognize that building friendships is a lengthy process.

C. Move beyond the level of superficiality.

1. John 4:9 (NLT) *The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"*

D. Master conflict resolution.

1. Matt. 18:15 (NLT) *"If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back."*

E. Your ability to experience human community is directly linked to the quality of your community with God.

### III. Conclusion