



Sermon Notes

Sermon: **The Most Overlooked Way to Spiritually Grow**

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The Most Overlooked Way to Spiritually Grow is _____.

WHY DOES IT WORK? We are _____ by nature because God created us that way.

Genesis 1:26, 2:18; James 2:23

THE GENIUS STRATEGY OF GOD:

The way to grow in your friendship with _____

is to grow in your friendships with _____.

WHAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT CHRISTIAN FRIENDS VERSUS NON-CHRISTIAN FRIENDS?

Ephesians 4:4-6

WHERE DO I START?

1. **Become a friend of** _____.

Ephesians 2:19-22; Acts 4:32

2. **Join a** _____.

Acts 2:42; Ephesians 4:1-3; Hebrews 3:13

Jesus said in **John 15:12** - "This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. **13** No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends. **14** You are my friends if you do what I command you. **15** I do not call you servants anymore, because a servant doesn't know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have heard from my Father.



Study Questions

PRAYER REQUESTS:

GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

1. What kind of animal makes the best pet for you? Why?

DIGGING DEEPER

2. What was the one big thing that God spoke to your heart during Sunday's sermon?

3. Read Genesis 1:26, 2:18 and James 2:23. Pastor Jason said that we are all relational by nature because we are created in the image of God. In other words, as humans we are healthier when we have good relationships with other humans. Of course, some people are more relational than others, but everyone should have at least one close friend in their life. Do you agree or not?

4. Read John 15:12-15. When Jesus said, "This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you." How would you describe the way Jesus has loved us? How can we love one another the way Jesus has loved us?

APPLICATION

5. We have a great opportunity to serve our community in a few weeks. Encourage your Life Group members to volunteer at the Pumpkin Patch outreach Saturday, October 7. Consider having your Life Group meet at HBChurch on Thursday, October 5 to help prepare the campus for the event. Cindy Wentworth is the project manager and will organize the preparation needs. Ask your LG members for a commitment to serve on one or both of those days. Together we can share the love of Jesus Christ with our community and let them see our love for each other.