

Week 1 Leader Guide

01. PREP

Before you meet with your group this week...

READ: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 & Hebrews 10:24-25

CONSIDER: What value does having a team of men around you bring to your life?

02. PRAY

This week as you pray for your group...

Pray for wisdom on how to encourage your men to build better quality friendships.

Pray for guidance in directing men as they ask questions or need support.

Pray for more friendships to be formed at Magnify Church.

03. QUESTIONS FOR GROUP TIME

WEEKLY CHALLENGE: Communicate well with each other.

3x3 Sharing: Name 3 hobbies, 3 friends, and 3 stories of friendship from the last year.

What jumped out to you from the big group teaching?

Read and Discuss HEBREWS 10:24-25

How might this passage relate to the one from Ecclesiastes?

04. NEXT STEPS

This Fall we want each group to pursue friendship by setting up time to SOCIALIZE and SERVE together.

Bring this up with your guys and start lining up details.

Make it a goal to meet at least ONCE this Fall outside of your normal group time.

Do the *Friendship Assessment*, Week 1 Homework, and Read the Week 2 Leader Guide to Prep for next week.

05. RESOURCES

Looking for a good read on friendship? Check out these books our team recommends...

Made For Friendship by Drew Hunter

The Four Loves by C.S. Lewis

Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Week 2 Leader Guide

01. PREP

Before you meet with your group this week...

READ: Romans 12 (all, with special focus: v9-13)

CONSIDER: What ways can you feel stuck in building friendships? What are some possible ways you have or could overcome these obstacles?

02. PRAY

This week as you pray for your group...

Pray that God would help your men process honestly and openly about friendship.

Pray for the Lord to open doors of communication and friendship for your men.

03. QUESTIONS FOR GROUP TIME

WEEKLY CHALLENGE: Worship together. As a group, consider sitting together with your families in the church service on a Sunday (if applicable). See what kinds of shifts that encourages in your men in connecting this way.

What jumped out to you from the big group teaching?

Did any of the “Common Obstacles to Friendship” resonate with you? Why?

Read and Discuss ROMANS 12:9-13

Discuss the FRIENDSHIP ASSESSMENT.

What encouraged you? Surprised you?

What challenged you? Confused you?

What Key Takeaway did this provide for you?

04. NEXT STEPS

SERVE & SOCIAL: Have you set dates yet? If not, it might be best to figure out WHAT you hope to do in SERVE and what you want to do in SOCIAL, and *then* pick a date to do it.

Do Week 2 Homework & Read the Week 3 Leader Guide to prep for next week.

05. RESOURCES

Looking for good ideas for serving locally with an organization? Check out the Magnify Church *Outreach* page to see who our local partners are. You can also connect with our Missions team to learn more.

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Week 3 Leader Guide

01. PREP

Before you meet with your group this week...

CONSIDER: What are some “Markers of Healthy Friends” that are important to you?
What are some symptoms of Unhealthy Friendship?

02. PRAY

This week as you pray for your group...

Pray that God would help the men of your group grow closer in community.

Pray that if there are any “yellow” or “red” flags in a man’s life, that he’d be willing to grow in those areas.

03. QUESTIONS FOR GROUP TIME

WEEKLY CHALLENGE: Pursue 1 on 1. Team up your guys in pairs to check in with each other this week. Be sure no man is un-marked. Encourage the men to check in at least once outside of group this week.

What jumped out to you from the big group teaching?

What did you think of the “Levels of Friendship”?

Consider your circles of friends: where would you say you are with the people in your group?

Review friendship Bible study homework:

What verses did you choose in Proverbs? Read them aloud.

What friendships in the Bible are most inspiring to you?

What do you think of the idea that Jesus calls us friend?

What’s one thing you’ve learned in your study time?

04. NEXT STEPS

Finalize details of the SOCIAL & SERVICE times with your group (if you haven’t already).

Encourage the men to go home and re-assess their answers to the Week 1 “Friendship Assessment”. Have them bring them back to discuss more next week.

Do Week 3 Homework & Read the Week 4 Leader Guide to prep for next week.

05. RESOURCES

We’re talking all things FRIENDSHIP on the *Men at Magnify Extra Mile Podcast*. Be sure to follow along, subscribe and stay up to date with what’s going on in the ministry.

Check us out on Subsplash at: <https://bit.ly/MatMEMPodcast>

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Apple Podcasts or Spotify search: “Men at Magnify”

Week 4 Leader Guide

01. PREP

Before you meet with your group this week...

CONSIDER: What are some next steps you can take with your group leading into the Fall 2 session that you think will help you grow closer together?

Take time to think, pray, and bring to the group your ideas so you can keep moving forward.

02. PRAY

This week as you pray for your group...

Pray that the men would commit to being the kind of friend that Jesus is to us: committed, sacrificial, caring, honest, and challenging.

03. QUESTIONS FOR GROUP TIME

WEEKLY CHALLENGE: Servant-Leadership. Make time this week to push your men to lead like Christ - prioritizing the needs of others before yourself.

What jumped out to you from the big group teaching?

Take another look at the Friendship Assessment (Week 1) and talk about what lessons were learned.

What has stood out to you in this series on Friendship?

What are some resolutions that came out of your homework?

Is there anything that you feel you need to start, stop, or change in being a friend?

What are the next steps?

04. NEXT STEPS

Be sure to take prayer requests and pass them along to the members of the group who might not have been able to be present.

Remind the men of the MEN'S SOCIAL (next week, 10/20 & 10/22) and to be sure they've got a food or drink to bring to share.

NEXT SERIES: FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

We talk often as men about how we want to be sharpened and sharpen each other. But what does it mean to be "sharp men"? God has shown us this through what we call "the Fruits of the Spirit" (Gal. 5). For the next 9 weeks we will be digging into each fruit listed in Galatians, hear stories of men who have seen the work of God in their lives, and wrestle with how we can grow in bearing much fruit!