

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Cultivating Biblical Friendship
ECCLESIASTES 4:7-12
NOVEMBER 12TH, 2023

- I. Five Ways to Cultivate Friendship
 - i. Be intentional: Proverbs 18:1
 - ii. Be selective: Proverbs 12:16; 13:20
 - iii. Be gracious: 1 Peter 4:8
 - iv. Be committed: Proverbs 17:17
 - v. Be realistic
- II. The Source of Flourishing Friendship
- III. Next Steps
 - 1) Pray for friendship
 - 2) Take a step
 - 3) Be patient
 - 4) Never stop working on your friendships

Questions:

1. What are some of the biggest challenges to experiencing deep, meaningful friendships in adulthood?
2. As you reflect on the five ways to cultivate friendship, which one is most challenging to you and why?
3. Why is it so important to be selective in choosing our close friends? What should you look for in someone else before becoming close to them?
 - See Proverbs 12:26; 13:20
4. At PPC, what has friendship been like for you? Do you resonate with the following quote when applied at church and why or why not?

“Friendship should be more like a submarine, holding few and going deep. But we’ve made it more like a cruise ship, filled with lots of nice people whom we don’t know well at all.” –

Drew Hunter

5. Why is understanding the true source of flourishing friendship so important for healthy “horizontal friendships” with one another?
6. Where is the Lord leading/challenging you most when it comes to the next steps from this sermon series? What are the main takeaways for you from this sermon series?