

Stronger Together 1/26/2025 | Growing Stronger Together

Reflect + Discuss

- Are you more introverted or extroverted? If given the choice, would you rather meet with a friend one on one, or meet in a group setting?
- Read Proverbs 17:17. Read Proverbs 27:17. How are spiritual friendships different than general friendships? What are some of the benefits of having spiritual friendships in our lives? What are some practical ways we can move towards spiritual things in our relationships?
- Read Psalm 139:1-6. Read Romans 8:38-39. How does it make you feel to know that God knows you completely and he still loves you unconditionally? How can this reality help us to be even more honest with God about the things we are feeling and going through?
- Have you ever had a relationship with someone where you can share the same things over and over without feeling judged? How can vulnerability lead to transformation in our lives? Are there barriers you experience as you look to build spiritual friendships?
- Can you think of any areas of your life where you tend to hold back from God? What causes you to hold back? If you're comfortable, share your experience with the group.
- How might our relationships be transformed at community group if we take time to think about what we want to share before coming to group? If there are areas of your life where you've been holding back from the group, consider what might happen if you choose to share it.

Pray

Pray for God to give us encouragement and strength as we move towards vulnerability in our relationships. Pray that God will give us wisdom to recognize next steps he may be leading us to take. As we remember God's great love for us, pray that we may find comfort in bringing even the hardest parts of our lives to him. Pray that as we reflect on this message, we will be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Next Steps

Check out the <u>resources page</u> for links to several Bible reading plans and other helpful tools. Explore other opportunities for growth and transformation by checking out <u>courses</u>.