Tonight we conclude our series about relationships. Remember, we began a few weeks ago with true friendship (not about temporary satisfaction or total selfishness, but about wise friendships based on Christ’s love for you), then we talked about dating (coming closer to God in order to come closer to that guy or girl or future spouse), and last week we looked at true manhood (loving Jesus more than the ladies, serving more than being served, and your future family more than any thing else). Tonight we conclude with this very real phobia that is a serious relationship killer = FOMO!

I. Do You Have FOMO?
   a. This Is A Real Fear
      i. FOMO = “Fear of missing out!” (pic on screen)
      ii. “Have you heard of FOMO? It’s a real thing. In fact, FOMO—Fear Of Missing Out, #fomo—was just added to the latest edition of a popular English language dictionary. There’s an entire generation of people who are constantly worried they’re going to miss something. With the accessibility technology and social media provide, they feel pressured to stay connected all the time. But ask yourself: at the end of your life, is it really going to matter how many Likes you got? Do you honestly believe that you’re going to be lying on your deathbed one day, wishing you’d posted another funny cat video?”

   b. This Is A Real Problem

   ii. Relationships... important! What life is about.
   iii. Think about every relationship you have right now... with mom/dad, bro/sis, cousins, friends, significant others, teachers, coach, ex, youth group, etc...
   iv. There is a problem!
      1. From this husband, father, youth pastor (hold phone up) = “What you really should be afraid of is missing out on the person in front of you. When you stay glued to your phone or tablet, that’s what you’re missing out on. You may be missing out on your children growing up. You may be missing out on enjoying an intimate marriage. You may be missing out on deep friendships filled with meaning. Your fear that you’re going to miss out on something may cause you to miss out on what matters most!” (Bible app devo, identity)
   v. Great relationship advice = is anything / any one worth more than your relationship with God? No!

II. What Life Is Not About!
   a. How Many Likes And Followers You Have
      i. Life will not be about how many Likes you got. It will be all about how much love you showed. The only way people will know that you are a follower of Jesus is by how well you love other people.
      ii. They won’t know that you’re his disciple by how many followers you have. They won’t know that you’re his disciple by how many Likes you get.
      iii. Stop worrying about your online followers and start focusing on your life followers
         1. What’s a life-follower? If you’re a follower of Jesus people will notice and start following your example. True followers have followers!
         2. Disciple = disciple-making disciple (multiply)
   b. How Popular Or Spiritual You Look Online
      i. They won’t know that you’re His disciple by how quickly you are to respond to posts / reposts.
      ii. Believe it or not, they won’t even know that you’re His disciple by how many Bible verses you post!
III. What Life Is Really About!
   a. Your Likes Vs. His Love
      i. Others will not know you by your Likes, they will know you by His Love!
         1. John 13:35 = “If you love one another, every one will know you are my disciples.”
            (NIRV)
      ii. Are you pleasing you or pleasing Him? Who is the Master and who is the follower?
         (pic of 1944 train tunnel) “One of the worst train disasters in history occurred in the El Toro Tunnel in Leon, Spain, on January 3, 1944. Over five hundred people died. The train was one of those long passenger trains with an engine on both ends. On this particular day, when the train went into the El Toro Tunnel, the engine on the front stalled. When the front engine stopped, the engineer on the back engine started up his engine to back the train out of the tunnel. At the same time, however, the front engineer managed to get the front engine started again and attempted to continue the journey. Neither engineer had any way of communicating with the other. Both engineers thought they simply needed more power. They continued to pull in both directions for several minutes. Hundreds of passengers on the train in the tunnel died of carbon monoxide poisoning because the train could not make up its mind which way to go.” (Hot Illustration 1.0, Too Many Engineers)
      iii. Who is in control of your life? Decide or it will destroy you! Can’t serve two masters (Matthew 6:24!)

   b. Your Life Vs. His Lordship
      i. As we conclude, all of your friendships, dating relationships, future relationships will be affected by one important relationship: you and God!
      ii. Have you noticed that your relationship with God is not very popular in our culture? Dumb/unnecessary!
         1. Matthew 5:11, NLT = “God blesses you when…” (not if, but when)
         2. God and man will always be rivals for the same throne. Pride! (“Lord” Tug-a-war)
      iii. Drone & remote control illustration
         1. Drone (me) = try to fly on my own
         2. Remote (God) = made us for His use

Relationship Goal #1 = Develop wise friendships based on Jesus’ love for you!
Relationship Goal #2 = If you’re close to God, He’ll help bring others closer.
Relationship Goal #3 = Real men love Jesus and look like Him. Find him, ladies!
Relationship Goal #4 = Find your identity in Christ more than anyone else.

Review: Matthew 16:26 = “And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?” (NLT)

React: Do you have a FOMO (Fear of missing out)? If so, why and what can you do about it tonight? If not, encourage others with why not.

Relate: Share personal prayer requests with one another (as a whole group or break off into small groups of 2 or 3). Close prayer and accountability time as a whole group.

Leader’s Notes:
Part 4: F.O.M.O. (Fear Of Missing Out)
First Baptist Student Ministry - Wednesday, April 19, 2017

I. Do You Have ________________?
   a. This Is A Real ________________
   b. This Is A Real ________________

 II. What Life Is ________________ About!
   a. How Many ________________ And________________________
      You Have
      • Disciple = Disciple-making disciple
   b. How____________________ Or________________________
      You Look Online

 III. What Life Is ________________ About!
   a. Your ________________ Vs. His ________________
      • John 13:35
      • Matthew 6:24
   b. Your ________________ Vs. His ________________
      • Matthew 5:11 (not “if”, but “when”)
      • God & man will always be rivals for the same throne.
      • Who is in control of your life?

Relationship Goal #4:

Matthew 16:26 = “And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?” (NLT)
Part 3: Real Men Love...

First Baptist Student Ministry - Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Opening Video = "Being A Man" (Scriptura, 2:54)

Let me ask the guys tonight... what’s it mean to be a man?
Ladies help... what do you think? (Students share)

I. Where Are All The Men?
   a. The Ladies Have Had To Take Over
      i. From the start of this, you need to know the God has called men to Biblical leadership... just not there!
      ii. Young boys have no example to follow!
      iii. Dad missing in action at home, school system mostly dominated by women, at church the staff may be mostly male but the rest of the team is largely female leadership
      iv. Grateful for every woman God is using in the home, at church, and at school... but, it’s time for men to step up!
   b. Leaving A Bunch Of "Feminized" Guys
      i. Men aren’t stepping up = leading to "feminized" men
      ii. Now, homosexuals are "coming out of the closet" and guys are getting a fuzzier picture of manhood more than ever before

II. What’s God Say About Being A Man?
   a. God Created Man Then Woman
      i. Not trying to be controversial, just Biblical:

   b. Not A He-Man Woman Hater
      i. I am not against women’s rights...
      ii. Men = be the spiritual and marital leader God intended you to be... if we would do our job and fulfill our role, women wouldn’t feel the need to take the lead and become the leader so often...
      iii. Where did we go wrong, guys?
         1. (Our Love book pic) "Satan has successfully duped many of us men into pouring most of our energy and attention into areas that feed our maleness (such as our careers) but don’t always help us be godly leaders at home. Brother, it’s time for us to become loving leaders again!" (Dr. Tony Evans, Our Love Is Here To Stay devotional)
   c. The Wrong Definition
      i. "The world offers conflicting views of what being a man is all about. Some say that being a man requires grit, square-jawed determination, a working knowledge of weaponry, and, preferably, rock-solid abs. Others say that manliness is about getting in touch with one’s feelings, caring for the less fortunate, and being sensitive. Still others would include leadership skills, a good work ethic, physical stature, riches, or sexual prowess. Can these things truly define masculinity, or is there another standard?" (Gene Getz)
   d. The Right Definition
      i. One word... Jesus!
      ii. "To know what a true man is, you need look no further than the life of Jesus Christ. As the Son of Man, Jesus is the epitome of manhood, the perfect example of what true maturity looks like..." (Getz)
         1. Full of the Holy Spirit
         2. Dependent on & obedient to God
         3. Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
         4. About His Father’s business (Hebrews 10:9)
         5. Shun sin and follow after righteousness.

1 Corinthians 11:3 = “The head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God” (NLT)
6. Seek to keep God’s law & live in God’s will, whatever the cost (Isaiah 50:7)
7. Endure opposition and never lose heart (Hebrews 12:3)
8. A man of the Word, using Scripture to overcome temptation (Matthew 4:1-10)
9. A man of prayer (Mark 1:35)
10. A man of love and sacrifice (John 13:1)

iii. (Several of the above are taken from “The Measure of a Man” by Gene Getz)

III. Real Men Love...
   a. Jesus More Than Ladies
      i. A true man knows that chasing God will bring the right woman into his life, but chasing women will not bring God closer in his life. No "missionary dating"!
      ii. Man’s purpose (we like to know why we are here) = Ecclesiastes 12:13 = “Here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.” (NIV)

b. Serving More Than Being Served
   i. Mankind = “man” = why does the Bible refer to humanity as this?... men must take the lead, for our ladies, and for our future children
   ii. I know this seems far off, but many of you guys will be dads one day (and you ladies will be moms)...

Ephesians 6:4 = “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.” (NLT)

iii. This is true manhood... passing it on!

c. Family More Than Anything Else
   i. “Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love” (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)
   ii. My family comes before my job, my career, my friends, my hobbies... this is God’s man!
   iii. Picture of my family = “family night” last Monday, ignored my phone and put my work and homework off to watch a movie and eat dinner on the back porch with my wife & kids, will never regret it!
   iv. Girls... find this dude! Look for this “man”!

Relationship Goal #3 = Real men love Jesus and look like Him. Find him, ladies!

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Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Review: Ephesians 6:4 = “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.” (NLT)

React: Guys: As a potential future father, what do you think you could do now to prepare yourself to be a spiritual leader to your kids? Girls: How can you best prepare your heart now to be the wife and mother God may eventually call you to be?

Relate: Share personal prayer requests with one another (as a whole group or break off into small groups of 2 or 3). Close prayer and accountability time as a whole group.

Leader’s Notes:

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Part 3: Real Men Love...
First Baptist Student Ministry - Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Opening Video = "Being A Man" (Scriptura, 2:54)

I. ________________ Are All The Men?
   a. The ________________ Have Had To Take Over
   b. Leaving A Bunch Of "______________________" Guys

II. What’s _____________ Say About Being A Man?
   a. God Created Man _____________ Woman

   1 Corinthians 11:3 = “The head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God” (NLT)

   • Genesis 2 = ... from his side (partner with him)

   b. Not A ____________ Woman Hater
   c. The ______________ Definition
   d. The ______________ Definition

   • One word = _______________________
   • Full of the Holy Spirit
   • Dependent on and obedient to God
   • Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
   • A bout His Father’s business (Hebrews 10:9)
   • Shun sin and follow after righteousness
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   • A man of the Word, using Scripture to overcome temptation (Matthew 4:1-10)
   • A man of prayer (Mark 1:35)
   • A man of love and sacrifice (John 13:1)

   (Several of the above are taken from "The Measure of a Man" by Gene Getz)

III. Real Men ________________ ...

   • Ecc. 12:13 / Eph. 6:4 / 1 Cor. 16:13-14

   a. ______________ More Than The ______________
   b. ______________ More Than Being Served
   c. ______________ More Than Anything Else

   Relationship Goal #3:
Part 2: Come Closer!

First Baptist Student Ministry - Wednesday, April 5, 2017

My prayer tonight, as we continue this new series, is that we would come closer to how God wants our relationships to look as we come closer to others and ultimately come closer to the Lord...

Far spider web pic on screen = one thing I don’t like coming close to are spider webs, I avoid them, but have you ever drawn closer to one and took notice of the beautiful of it? (closer spider web pic on screen) Do you ever stop to enjoy the beauty of creation? A sunset? Wet grass in the morning? A waterfall? “All of these – observing creation, listening for whispers of God’s voice or trying to put your finger on His pulse, absorbing the marvels of His world – are means to become more aware of His presence.” (Worship the King dev o, Jan. 5th)

James 4:8 = “Come close to God, and God will close close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.” (NLT)

I. Your Most Important Relationship
   a. Come Closer to God
      i. All of us desire close relationships, connections (that’s how we were created to function as humans)
      ii. Most important, more than any person, should be God! Want to truly be connected with others? Learn how to truly connect with God first!
      iii. Come close... why not? = Busy ness distracts us
         1. Daily routines, to-do-lists (calendar book)
         2. Rivals for our attention everywhere
   iv. Feel like you have to “squeeze in” your time with God/church/prayer/devotions? Required?
      1. “Drawing close is meant to be an act of love. And love, if it’s real, is always voluntary.” (Chris Tiegreen)
      2. Don’t do it out of obligation, but out of love.

   b. God Will Come Close To You
      i. This is a 2-sided coin = 1) Awareness of Him, and 2) His approach to us
         1. First responsibility is ours, second is His
         ii. Our side of the “Presence equation” is to draw near to Him, do that as best as possible and see how He responds
         iii. The God of the Universe! = Close to you! Wow!!
            1. Hebrews 13:5 = “I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.” (NLT)
            iv. And, the closer I get to God the more I understand His plan for all my relationships (friend, boy friend, girlfriend, future spouse, kids, coworkers, classmates, family, everyone!)

II. Your Current Relationships
   a. What Kind of Friend Are You?
      i. Be the friend for someone else who you always wish you had
      ii. The Bible is full of bad friends... “Be careful of friends who want you to feel better more than they want you to be better.” (Pastor Chris, 3/26/17)
      iii. The godly give good advice to their friends; the wicked lead them astray.” (Proverbs 12:26, NLT)
      iv. A true friend can have so much power over your life (to heal or hurt)... how are you using that power?

   b. What Kind of Son/Daughter Are You?
      i. We all come from a lot of different situations with our families (mom and dad)... great family, non-existent family, or somewhere in between.
      ii. Remember = God has placed you in your family for a reason... whether you like them or not, God wants you to represent His love to them through you.
         1. Matthew 12:25 = “Jesus knew their thoughts and replied, “Any kingdom divided by civil war is doomed. A town or family splintered by feud ing will fall apart.” (NLT)
      iii. Mom and me (pic on screen)... fighting all the time, similar personalities, clashing, not church-going,
didn't support my going into student ministry ... now loves the Lord & we're closer than ever!

c. What Kind of Student/Employee Are You?
   i. I know you probably hate school, but your full-time job right now is being a "student". God has called you to be the best student you can be at your school (or future college).
   ii. This is your mission field!
   iii. Once again, growing in God will help you grow into a more aware & fruitful student...
   iv. Have a part-time job? = God wants you to give your all there as well... wherever and whatever you do...
      1. Colossians 3:23 = "Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people." (NLT)

d. What Kind of Boyfriend/Girlfriend Are You?
   i. "Courtship" and "dating" are not found in the Bible
   ii. Christian principles before marriage:
      1. God's way contradicts the world's (2 Peter 2:20) = discover the character of a person before making any commitment to him/her:
      2. Born again in Christ (John 3:3-8)
      3. Same desire for Christ-likeness (Phil. 2:5)
      4. "Love the Lord above all else (Matthew 10:37). To say or believe that another person is 'everything' or the most important thing in one's life is idolatry, which is sin (Galatians 5:20; Colossians 3:5)." (gotanswers.org)
      5. Don't defile your bodies by having premarital sex or any sexual immorality (1 Cor. 6:9, 13; 2 Timothy 2:22, 1 Cor. 6:18)
      6. Love and honor others as we love ourselves (Rom 12:9-10), & this is certainly true for a courtship or dating relationship.

III. Your Future Relationships
   a. Could This Be My Future Spouse?
      i. Think like they are!
      ii. "The ultimate goal of dating or courting is finding a life partner. The Bible tells us that, as Christians, we should not marry an unbeliever (2 Corinthians 6:14-15) because this would weaken our relationship with Christ and compromise our morals and standards." (gotanswers.org)
      iii. If not... that's someone else's wife/husband! Be careful how you treat this person (how far you "go")

Closing Video = "A Bone To Pick With Love & Marriage"
(Square One Films, 3:00)

Regardless of how important dating or marriage is to you right now, view and treat every dating relationship carefully, like you are preparing for marriage.

Relationship Goal #2 = If you're close to God, He'll help bring others closer.

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Part 2: Come Closer!

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Review: James 4:8 = "Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world." (NLT)

React: How close are your relationships with others (boyfriend, girlfriend, friends, family) compared to how close your relationship is with God? Does that ratio need to change?

Relate: Share personal prayer requests with one another (as a whole group or break off into small groups of 2 or 3). Close prayer and accountability time as a whole group.
James 4:8 = “Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.” (NLT)

I. Your Most __________________________ Relationship

a. Come Closer To ____________
   - “Drawing close is meant to be an act of love. And love, if it’s real, is always voluntary.” (Chris Tiegreen)

b. God Will Come Close To ____________
   - Hebrews 13:5

II. Your __________________________ Relationships

a. What Kind Of __________________ Are You?

III. Your __________________________ Relationships

a. Could This Be My _______________ ______________?

b. What Kind Of __________________ Are You?
   - Matthew 12:25
   - Colossians 3:23

- Christian principles before marriage:
  - Born again (John 3:3-8)
  - Christ-likeness (Philippians 2:5)
  - Love God above all else (Matthew 10:37)
  - Don’t defile your bodies (1 Cor. 6:9, 2 Timothy 2:22, 1 Cor. 6:18)
  - Love others like yourself (Romans 12:9-10)

Closing Video = “A Bone To Pick With Love And Marriage” (Square One Films, 3:00)

Relationship Goal #2:

______________________________________________________

______________________________________________________
Welcome to our brand-new series about relationships. Relationships are messy, they are important, and we want to help...

Proverbs 18:24 = “There are ‘friends’ who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother.

I. What Is Friendship Anyway?
   a. You’re Wrong, Facebook!
      i. Social media has made us so anti-social! Look at this... I have 984 “friends” (pic of Facebook)
      ii. So, I got curious and checked...  
         1. 263 Instagram followers  
         2. 21 Twitter followers  
         3. 11 YouTube subscribers
      iii. Should I judge my success in relationships based on how many “followers” or “friends” I can get? No! Not any more than you can if you have 1000+ “friends”!
         1. We need something deeper! We were made by God for something deeper.
      iv. Get your face out of “Facebook” and get your heart aligned with His “faithbook” (Bible).
   b. Biblical Examples Of Friendship
      i. God called Abraham His friend
         1. James 2:23 = “And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: ‘Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.’ He was even called the friend of God.” (NLT)
      ii. Aaron & Hur stood by Moses’ side and supported his hands to ensure victory in battle
         1. Exodus 17:12 = “Moses’ arms soon became so tired he could no longer hold them up. So Aaron and Hur found a stone for him to sit on. Then they stood on each side of Moses, holding up his hands. So his hands held steady until sunset.” (NLT)
      iii. David and Jonathan are well-known example of friendship
         1. 1 Samuel 18... we’ll come back to this!
   c. Who Defines Your Friendships?
      i. The world’s definition = “Friendship is a relationship of mutual affection between people... an interpersonal relationship.” (Wikipedia.org)
      ii. God’s definition = “A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.” (Proverbs 17:17, NLT)
         1. More than casual relationships
         2. Difficulty /hardship = support and strength
      iii. What should we be looking for in true friendships? (students share ideas)
         1. Long-lasting = Takes time to establish a deep, mutual relationship
         2. Dependable = You can depend on
         3. Courageous = Stand with us
         4. Blessing = True, genuine, devoted, and loyal friendships... you will be blessed
      iv. How do your friends impact your life? = “We need to be careful as we choose our friends, because they will impact our lives. They bring enjoyment, delight, and pleasure. Friends can help us learn more intimately. They can drive us, motivate us, disillusion us, distress us, or even destroy us.” (DB dev o, October 15th)

II. How Not To Build Friendships!
   a. Temporary Satisfaction
      i. Based on a need you have = it will not last (need satisfied, grow weary of the relationship; or never satisfied if the need is never met)
   b. Total Selfishness
      i. Selfishness = depend on another person for security or take advantage of someone for own personal gain
“A friendship that is based on the issue of what someone can do for you is not a true friendship.” (DB devo, October 16th)

I don’t know about you, but I am tired to temporary, fake friends & being that for others my self!

### III. How To Develop Wise Friendships!

#### a. Let The Past Be The Past

- Past experiences influence our ability in building trusting relationships (realize this)
- Hurt before = less likely to open your hearts

#### b. Risk Equals Reward

- Wise friendships require risk = may bring pain and rejection, worth the risk
- 1 Samuel 18-20 = David is God’s man, makes the king, Saul, mad, tells Jonathan to kill David, Jonathan knows God has a plan, best of friend, helps escape:
- 1 Samuel 20:42 = “At last Jonathan said to David, “Go in peace, for we have sworn loyalty to each other in the Lord’s name. The Lord is the witness of a bond between us and our children forever.” Then David left, and Jonathan returned to the town.” (NLT)
- 1 Samuel 16:7b; 1 Peter 3:3
- 1 Peter 3:3-4. What would you have said to Annie? (The Lifeboat, Hot Illustrations 1.0)

#### c. Only Jesus Can Satisfy

- Only Jesus can satisfy the longing and need in life, not one person
- Psalm 90:14 = “Satisfy us each morning with your unfailing love, so we may sing for joy to the end of our lives.” (NLT)
- Some friendships are pulling you down tonight and you need to break those off, some have been broken and God wants you to restore them.
- iv. How are you representing Jesus to your “friends”?

 Hiệp: (pic of students on the screen) (This is based on a true story.) Annie was a large, rather unattractive girl. Actually, Annie was fat. A member of a youth group, Annie regularly attended most of the youth functions and Bible studies. During one of those meetings, the youth leader introduced a situational learning game called, “The Lifeboat.”

He instructed the dozen high school kids present to form their chairs to resemble the seating on a lifeboat. Then he said, “You twelve are the only survivors of a shipwreck. You have managed to make it to this lifeboat. Once you are aboard, however, you find to your horror that there are only provisions for eleven. Also, the boat can hold only eleven survivors. Twelve people will capsize the boat, leaving you all to drown. You must decide what to do.”

The group stared blankly at each other for a few moments before bursting into lively discussion. They decided that for the good of the majority of the members of the group, one person must be sacrificed. But who? As the group discussed who would be left to drown, they eliminated various individuals perceived to be of value to the survivors. The strongest and most athletic boys couldn’t be sacrificed—their strength would be needed to row. Naturally, the boys wouldn’t think of letting any of the pretty girls become shark food. Slowly each individual in the group, with the exception of Annie, was mentioned and then discarded as a candidate for sacrifice. Some were too smart, too talented, or too popular.

Finally, Annie, who may not have been attractive but who was not dumb, blurted out, “I’ll jump.”

“No, no!” protested the group. But when pressed, they couldn’t think of one good reason why she shouldn’t jump—so they remained silent.

When the time to play the game ran out, the group members announced that they couldn’t reach a decision on what to do. The youth worker went on to teach a lesson using the example of the lifeboat. But Annie had already learned a lesson.

The next day, Annie jumped. Her youth group had affirmed her worst thoughts about herself. She truly was of no value.

Her “friends” in the youth group were baffled and deeply saddened by her suicide. After all, she had so much to live for. They just couldn’t think of what it was. We rarely look below the surface to see in a person what Christ sees. Instead, we too often equate a person’s value with his or her looks, popularity, possessions, or abilities. If none of those things is obvious, then we see no value at all in that individual.

“Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7b; 1 Peter 3:3-4). What would you have said to Annie? (The Lifeboat, Hot Illustrations 1.0)

**Relationship Goal #1 = Develop wise friendships based on Jesus’ love for you!**  
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### FBSM Small Group Leader Guide

**Date:** Wednesday, March 29, 2017

**Review:** Proverbs 18:24 = “There are ‘friends’ who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother.” (NLT)

**React:** Do you believe you have a lifelong, true, godly best friend? If so, why would you consider them as such? If not, how can you find that person or seek to be that person for someone else?

**Relate:** Share personal prayer requests with one another (as a whole group or break off into small groups of 2 or 3). Close prayer and accountability time as a whole group.
Proverbs 18:24 = “There are ‘friends’ who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother.

I. What Is ____________________________ Anyway?
   a. You’re Wrong, _______________________
      - Facebook vs. Faithbook
   b. __________________________ Examples Of Friendship
      - James 2:23 / Exodus 17:12 / 1 Samuel 18
   c. Who __________________________ Your Friendships?
      - True friendship? = __________________________

II. How ___________ To Build Friendships!
   a. __________________________ Satisfaction
   b. Total ___________________________
      - “A friendship that is based on the issue of what someone can do for you is not a true friendship.” (F. LaGard Smith, DB devo)

III. How To Develop _____________ Friendships!
   a. Let The __________ Be The ___________
   b. __________ Equals Reward
      - 1 Samuel 20:42 = “At last Jonathan said to David, “Go in peace, for we have sworn loyalty to each other in the Lord’s name. The Lord is the witness of a bond between us and our children forever.” Then David left, and Jonathan returned to the town.” (NLT)
   c. Only ____________ Can Satisfy
      - Psalm 90:14
      - How are you representing Jesus to your friends?

Relationship Goal #1: