HANDOUT
WE NEED PEOPLE

With your partner, read through John 21:15–17 and answer the following questions.

If you were in Jesus' situation, would you want to go back to the friends who denied you? Why or why not?

Jesus didn't have to come back to Peter. He could have picked someone else to befriend or He could have accomplished everything on His own. Why do you think that Jesus returned to Peter? Did He have a high or low view of friendship? Why?

How do Jesus' actions show us the importance of having friendships?

DISTRUST	DIVISION	DENIAL
"I can't trust anyone."	"There's no one I can relate to."	"I don't need people."

BETTER THAN ONE

HANDOUT
THE FRIENDSHIP OF DAVID AND JONATHAN

Read the verses assigned to your group and answer the questions below.

Group 1: 1 Samuel 20:1–11
Group 2: 1 Samuel 20:12–17
Group 3: 1 Samuel 20:18–23
Group 4: 1 Samuel 20:24–29
Group 5: 1 Samuel 20:30–34
Group 6: 1 Samuel 20:35–42

Sumarize what happens to David and Jonathan in your verses. Be sure to include major plot points.

How was Jonathan a good friend to David?

How was David a good friend to Jonathan?

HANDOUT

WISE AND UNWISE

Go through Ephesians 5:1–21 with your small group. As you go through each verse, consider if Paul is describing a wise person or an unwise person. List what you find under the "Wise" and "Unwise" categories below. You'll see an example under each section.

WISE	UNWISE
Imitators of God	Impurity

BETTER THAN ONE

HANDOUT

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34–35

Brainstorm three or more ideas with your group on how you could love your friends at school, in your extra curricular activities, and at church. If you come up with ideas quickly, come up with three more or move on to another category. Be as creative and specific as possible.

School

Extra Curricular Activities

Church

What I learned...