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Series: Friending
Part 1: Choosing Reliable Friends
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1. Ted began by telling about a seat mate on a plane that he really didn't want to talk but finally did and enjoyed it very much (they discussed fishing ☺). Have you ever had a meaningful conversation with a stranger?

2. Have you listened to someone's story this week? How does knowing someone's story change your ideas about him or her? How does knowing people's stories help you to pray?

3. I John 4:15 says "If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and them in God." A Christian woman grieves that her sister has disowned her because she worships with a piano. There are many different styles and many different components of worship. Do you think this verse informs how we should feel about Christians from other traditions?

4. I John 4:19 says, "We love because he first loved us." Does this mean love others or love God/Jesus? Or both? Why else do you love Jesus?

5. Who is one of your best friends? What qualifies that person as a good friend?

6. Who has helped you when you've fallen down? How?

7. Who are the five people you spend the most time with? How are they speaking into your life? How DO we speak in to each other's lives?

8. Who is a friend who has made you better by being with him or her? How?

9. Besides family, is there anyone you are pouring your wisdom and love into?

10. The old hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" was sung at the end of the service.

   - One line says, "Can we find a friend so faithful?" How has Jesus been faithful to you?

   - Another line says to take "everything to God in prayer." Is that the first thing you do in time of trouble or do you take your cares to someone else or something else?

   - How has Jesus been a friend to you?

   - Someone once told a lady that she must be Jesus's best friend. Since true friendships are reciprocal, how have you been a friend to Jesus?

Bonus: Did anyone decide to spend less time on social media and more time with Jesus?)