



Fight For Our Friends

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"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34–35 (NIV)

Our mission @ CTK: *To create an authentic Christian community that effectively reaches out to unchurched people in love, acceptance and forgiveness, so that they may experience the joy of salvation and a purposeful life of discipleship.*

Today's Core Truth: There is a "win" when we are one.

Luke 5:17-18 (NIV)

The "Win" in Oneness Is:

⇒ **When others are there to _____ us.**

Isaiah 41:10 (NASB)

Q—Who is there to carry you?

Galatians 6:2 (NIV)

⇒ **Realizing desperate times call for desperate _____.**

Q—At what extreme are you willing to help people get to Jesus?

All great groups believe they are on a mission from God. -- Warren Bennis

⇒ **It's the _____ of collective faith.**

Luke 5:20 (NIV)

Romans 1:12 (ERV)

⇒ It reveals the forgiving _____ of Jesus.

Luke 5:20-26 (NIV)

Q—Who do you know that needs not only healing but forgiveness?

NEXTsteps Who I am fighting for this week is: _____

ANSWER KEY: carry, measures, power, authority



Study & Discussion for Your Next Small Group

Theme: *Faith-filled Friends*

Share Together: Who was your best friend(s) when you were a kid/teen/college age? What was it that drew you together?

Reflect together: What impacted you the most from Sunday's message?

Read Together: Luke 5:17-26 & Matthew 18:15-19

Discuss Together:

- What might you be thinking or feeling if you were in the house and seeing this man being lowered from the ceiling?
- Why were the friends of this paralyzed man so persistent? How did Jesus show affirmation towards them?
- When Jesus said to the Pharisees, "Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk?'" , what point was he trying to make?
- Before Jesus sorted out the paralyzed man's physical issues, he sorted out his spiritual issues. Why did Jesus do it in this order?
- What was the response of the man who was healed and the crowd that was gathered? What impact do you think that had on the village?
- When has there been time in which you were hoping to attain or accomplish something but there were obstacles in your way (e.g., a job offer, finances, invitation to an event, or other opportunities)? What barriers were in your way that prevented or delayed the process? How did you work through them?
- Who have been your faith-filled friends that carried you through a difficult time in your life?
- Read Galatians 6:2. What is our role in carrying others to Jesus? How do we do this persistently and creatively as a faith-filled community of people? What could be the result?
- What is a burden you are carrying that others can help and pray for?

Pray Together: Take time to share how God has answered prayer and any prayer requests you have today.