Courage to Conquer- Discussion Guide

Session 7: Courage When Friends Disappoint You

2 Timothy 4:9-18

Outline:

* 1. Facing the Challenges of Disappointment
  2. Finding Courage for Disappointment

Application:

1. Read the following passages: Proverbs 6:1-3; Proverbs 12:26; Proverbs 13:20; Proverbs 16:28; Proverbs 17:17

* Should we be willing to do everything that a friend asks?
* Have you ever told someone you couldn’t be their friend? What type of things do we value in our friendships?
* How have you benefited from having a wise person as a friend?
* Why should we guard against rumors concerning friends?
* Define a friend based on what you read in Proverbs 17:17? How does that look today?

2. Read Ruth 1:1-17

* What commendable characteristics do you find in Ruth’s actions toward Naomi?
* When has there been a time that it was hard to be loyal to a friend? What impact did it make to stay loyal?
* How can our group encourage deeper relationships with one another?

3. Read John 15:7-15

* Why was it important for Jesus to call his disciples “friends” before his death on the cross?
* What responsibility goes along with a call to a deeper relationship?
* How does our culture not encourage deeper relationships?
* What can your group do this week to show friendship to each other?