

Friends in Jesus

Life Issues B Summary

Chapter Learning Objectives

- The participants will be helped to appreciate the qualities of a good friend.
- The participants will be encouraged to appreciate Jesus as a model friend.
- The participants will be encouraged to imitate Jesus in applying his values and attitudes of friendship and love to their own relationships with others.

Content Summary

1. In experiences of meeting other people, we have some sense of what it means to be a good friend.
2. We can look to Jesus as our model of friendship, particularly in two accounts: Matthew 14:22–23 (Jesus Walks on the Water) and Matthew 26:36–46 (Jesus Prays in Gethsemane).
3. From the account of Jesus' walking on the water, we learn that (1) good friends take time away by themselves for prayer and reflection, (2) good friends encourage each other, (3) good friends invite each other to be positive risk takers, and (4) good friends reach out to help each other.
4. From the account of Jesus in the garden at Gethsemane, we learn that (1) good friends gather with a few close friends in troubled times, (2) good friends share their thoughts openly, (3) good friends ask for support in time of need, (4) good friends express their concerns when friends let them down, (5) good friends sometimes choose to “let it go”, and (6) good friends give each other wake-up calls.
5. In our relationships with others, we see Jesus as our model of friendship, and try to think and act with his attitudes and values.

