

Thankfulness – Friends

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1. _____ **thankfulness?**

“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.”
Colossians 2:6-7 (NLT)

2. **What gets** _____ **with our friends?**

“How can you think of saying to your friend, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can’t see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye.”
Matthew 7:4-5 (NLT)

3. **Unsolicited advice is** _____

4. **Cultivating mirror** _____

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.”
John 3:16-17 (NLT)

Small Group discussion opportunities

1. Do you remember a time you were made fun of, or were given a nick name you didn’t like? How did that feel?
2. Read over Colossians 2:6-7 How can you cultivate gratefulness in your circle of influence? (remember: grateful, pleasant, and beneficial)
3. Discuss the mirror and the microscope and the questions:

Admission: I must own a part of this.

Where does this come from?

Do I see this in me? Do I like what I see?

How are they different? (friends, family, groups I’m part of)

Upbringing?

Have they hurt me? – Be careful how you use this one.

In my core, do I believe I’m better than them?

4. Read John 3:16-17. If Jesus died for everyone and loves them, why do we fall into “microscope” thinking?
5. Read Proverbs 27:6, 17. When was the last time a sincere friend did this with you?