



Loving Friends
August 22, 2021
Next Steps

Opening Prayer:

God of love, we invite you into this place.

Jesus, we light this candle as a sign of your presence.

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten us.

We pray that we keep our hearts and minds open to new ideas and that we may grow in our understanding of your ways.
Amen.

Quote: I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. Maya Angelou

Breaking the Ice:

What would you do to pass the time, if Jesus had asked you to wait for him?

Wrestling with the Word:

Read John 21:3-4, 10-17

- Peter's response to his failure to follow Jesus to the end is to go fishing. Why? What does this say to the others? Have you ever done the same?
- Share some other passages of the bible that have helped you understand what it means to care for each other?
- Why is each affirmation of Peter's love followed by a command? What does this mean for your faith journey?

Next Steps:

- Jesus meets the physical as well as the spiritual and emotional needs of his friends. Why is this important? How are we able to do the same?
- What does the support of friends look like to you? How might you encourage someone going through hard times?
- How should our relationship with Jesus affect our view of others?

Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, we thank you for the friends that you have placed in our lives. We are grateful for all those who have walked alongside us in good times and in bad. Help us to hold one another accountable in love. May I be a source of encouragement and support for those I call friends. May we grow closer to each other and to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.