

## SERMON STUDY | THE SANDLOT | AT THE MOVIES

### June 16, 2019

*Dive deeper into this week's message and passages from the Bible. Here are some questions to help you guide your group discussion.*

The movie *The Sandlot*\* speaks to the heart of what we all want: acceptance. We all want to fit in, to find someone to identify with and to have meaningful relationships with. God created us to be in relationships. It was his intention from the very beginning that we share our lives and experiences with other people. But we have to cultivate friendships. Anyone can stick around when everything is going well. But getting through the tough times together is what makes our relationships stronger. That's what turns us into the true friends that God wants us to be. After all, Jesus is a true friend to you and me. Before you were friends with Jesus, he gave his life for you!

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**Read Luke 6:31 and Matthew 25:40. Even Jesus desired friendships. He sought after and cultivated friendships with multiple people. If Jesus needed them, then so do we! But, what will matter in the end, will be the impact that you had upon them.**

- Think about your friendships. What is the impact your closest friends have had on you? What do they do to have this kind of impact on you?
- What is the impact you try to have on them? What do you think you need to do more of or less of to have an impact on your friends? Would they be grateful for the difference you have made in their lives?
- How could you use your influence or abilities to help someone who is lonely feel accepted? Think of who that person could be. What will you do this week to reach out to them?

**Read Proverbs 18:24, Galatians 6:7 (NIV and NLT) and John 15:13. Tough times show you who your real friends are. But, it's important to see that whatever you give in a relationship, you get back. If you need encouragement, give encouragement, and God gives it back to you. True friends sacrifice, love and put the other person first.**

- Are you a friend who, when the going gets tough, sticks by someone? Why or why not?
- Friendships require cultivation. They don't grow on their own. What are you willing to do this week to cultivate a friendship? Who needs you to reach out?
- How can our group pray for you in being like Jesus to your friends, putting them first, sacrificing for them and showing them love?

#### REFLECT

What is God saying to you through his word? How and when will you respond?

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

Need a review of what we're reading in Daily Bible Reading? Here's a glance at how we're being challenged this week (subscribe at [tpcc.org/dailybiblereading!](http://tpcc.org/dailybiblereading!)).

**Day One: Luke 6:31 | Be the kind of friend you'd like to have.**

**Day Two: Matthew 25:40 | Be a friend to the least of these.**

**Day Three: Proverbs 18:24 | A real friend sticks closer.**

**Day Four: Galatians 6:7 | You will harvest what you plant.**

**Day Five: John 15:13 | Greater love has no one than this.**