THE OTHER 6: Friends

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**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Thinking back on this week’s sermon, is there a particular point you recall that caught your attention or you found challenging or confusing?
2. Read **Matthew 9:9-13 and Luke 5:27-32**. Why do you think Matthew followed Jesus right away? What motivated him to throw a party for Jesus and invite his friends? What did Jesus say when the Pharisees complained about Him spending time with sinners and how does that apply to your life today?
3. Read **John 1:35-46.**  In these verses who did Jesus call to follow Him? Who did those men bring to Jesus and what did they say to convince them to come? Did a friend ever invite you to Jesus? Share your experience.
4. Pastor John encouraged us to initiate relationships with people who don’t know Jesus, to lead with mercy in our relationships, and to introduce those friends to Jesus. Can you share some examples of how you’ve done this?
5. Making time for conversation and asking better questions are two ways to work toward introducing your friends to Jesus. What are some questions you can ask to open those conversations? Did a friend ever have this type of conversation with you? Share your experience.
6. Hanging out on their turf is another way to introduce friends to Jesus. Share some ways to do this.
7. What would you say to explain to someone how Jesus has changed your life? Take some time as a group to discuss how to tell your story.

**Next Steps:**  Continue praying for the two people in your life who don’t know Jesus. Decide right now on a way to invest in those people this week and share with your group so they can hold you accountable.

**Prayer Thought:** Pray right now as a group for those people by name. Make a list and determine to pray for these people throughout the week.

*Father, we know you love these people in our lives who don’t know you more than we ever could. You are waiting for them to follow You. We pray that you will give them open hearts to hear Your truth and give us open mouths to speak that truth surrounded by love. We wait expectantly to see these friends and family members come to know you.*