



# GROUP STUDY GUIDE

## WEEK OF MAY 29, 2022 | FRIENDSHIP

### WARM-UP QUESTION

Who was your best friend growing up? How did you become friends?

### Read 1 Samuel 18:1-4.

- What elements of friendship do you see in these verses? What stands out to you in this initial introduction of David and Jonathan's friendship?
- Do you have a friendship like this? If so, what do you appreciate about it? If not, what do you find yourself missing as a result?

David and Jonathan's friendship quickly hit rocky ground, as David's success triggered extreme jealousy and anger from Jonathan's father, King Saul. This led the king to seek out David multiple times to kill him. Read the following passages for a sampling of what happened next. After reading each section of verses, pause to talk through the two questions below.

### 1 Samuel 19:1-7

### 1 Samuel 20:1-17

### 1 Samuel 20:24-34

### 1 Samuel 23:15-18

After each passage, discuss:

- What stands out in this particular situation?
- What inspires or challenges you from how David and Jonathan responded to the situation and each other?

### Respond

- Is there a specific action, response, or character trait that David and Jonathan demonstrated that's missing in your own life and friendships? Explain.
- What do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Share with your group, and spend a few minutes praying together for all the friendships represented in the room, that they would be God-honoring and full of encouragement, challenge, and commitment.

*Encourage group members to read Daily Bible Reading on the church app or have it delivered to their inbox daily. Subscribe at [tpcc.org/dbr](http://tpcc.org/dbr). Check in with your group to share thoughts about these throughout the week!*