

# CONVERSATION STARTERS

## SOUTHRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

January 22, 2023 | Friend Like Jesus

### EAT TOGETHER | *Showing up regularly to share life and build relationships*

1. **A few things to let your group know...** Encourage your group to [reflect on and affirm their Southridge membership](#) for 2023. Invite everyone to “eat together” at our [Community Lunch](#) next Sunday after the service. Check out our [winter group options](#) for more ways to get connected and grow together!
2. **Ice Breaker:** Who’s someone in your life who helped you accomplish something you didn’t think you could do?

### PRAY TOGETHER | *Joining in on conversations of life and faith*

1. Consider watching [this week’s message recap](#) to review the big ideas and kick-start your conversations.
2. What did we learn about the kind of friend Jesus is in this week’s message?
3. Can you think of a time when a friend said something harsh to you? How did you receive it? What do you think they intended? Did this experience help you grow?
4. Read and reflect on [Luke 10:38-42](#). What do you find unique about Jesus’s approach to friendship in this story?
5. Focus on [verses 41-42](#). Mandy shared that Jesus helped Martha grow by “**starting with affection, seeing what’s underneath, saying the hard thing, and calling her to something higher.**” Which of these do you find most difficult in your friendships? What might help you grow in this area?

### LOVE TOGETHER | *Being real to care and make a difference*

1. “**Love speaks the truth.**” What do you think about this statement? What can we learn from Jesus about loving in a way that speaks the truth rather than trying to speak the truth in a way that lacks love?
2. Do you have friends who love you enough to tell you what you don’t want to hear? Who could you ask to be this kind of friend to you? And do you love your friends enough to tell them what they might not want to hear?
3. Wrap up by looking at these two verses: [Proverbs 27:17](#) & [James 5:16](#). Which one could you memorize this week? What steps can you take in speaking and confessing truth to grow as a friend like Jesus?