

SESSION 4

PURPOSE IN  
FRIENDSHIP

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PRAY

We suggest you start with this simple prayer.

*Heavenly Father, we pray for our time together now. Would you help us see what purpose means in our friendships. Amen.*



READ

Read Proverbs 27:1–10 and Mark 8:31–33



WATCH

Watch the session 4 video, available from the *On Purpose* webpage.



DISCUSS

1. Jesus rebukes Peter, but only after Peter first rebukes Jesus. What does this reveal about their relationship? Why do they feel comfortable rebuking one another?
2. Proverbs 27:5 and Proverbs 27:9 talk about the value of honesty in friendship. Thinking back to Jeremiah 29:4–9 and his letter to the exiles, why might this kind of honesty in friendship be important in their new land?
3. Do you have any examples of how friends have been honest with you? It's okay if you didn't appreciate their wisdom at the time!
4. If you were about to be exiled (long journey, new home, total upheaval), which of your friends would you take with you? Why would you take them?
5. How can you demonstrate the character of Jesus in your friendships with those who do not know him yet?



PRAY

You'll need someone to lead this.

It's time to pray again. We're going to use our imaginations. In a moment of quiet, shut your eyes, and imagine a friendship situation in your head that you want to pray for.

Imagine the situation as it is now. People, faces, activities, coffee dates, bike rides, walks around the park.

Now, think about how you want it to be. Does the activity change? What's happening on people's faces? What are they feeling? No words. Just imagine a picture.

God is seeing and hearing your prayer for your friendships.

To close, say together: *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.*