

CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS | 9.28.25

Pastor Marty started his message talking about the vision phrase of the year "Your days are numbered, so make them count." Is this an encouraging thought, a discouraging thought, or how you describe how you thoughts to this and why?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:13 NLT

Three things will last forever - faith, hope, and love - and the greatest of these is love. How do these three (faith, hope, and love) relate to the vision phrase? How do they make our lives count or what would that look like?

This week's message was titled An Unnamed Friend. Can you think of a time when you had a chance to be a friend for someone who you didn't know or a time when someone you didn't know was a friend to you?

THE FRIEND THAT CARRIES YOU - MARK 2:3-5

The first unnamed friend story was about friends who carried another friend. Have you ever experienced a friend carrying you or have you ever had the opportunity to care for someone else? What was that story?

What are ways people can carry/care for someone else who is really going through it in life?

What is hard about having someone carry you?

What is hard about caring for someone else?

Pastor Marty shared some prayer cards which had someone's name, a scripture verse written out, a few prayer requests, & check marks and dates of answered prayers. Had you ever seen anything like this before? Who are two or three people you could make a prayer card for?

THE FRIEND THAT SHARES WHAT HE HAS - JOHN 6

Pastor Marty shared a couple stories about giving - one from a YWAM team in South America and one of his own experiences giving away some shoes. Do you have any moments when God has been specific about asking you to be generous to someone or to give something away? If so - what was it and how did you feel after you obeyed the prompting of the Lord?

The Bridge has a core value WE GIVE GENEROUSLY; IT'S ABOUT A SOFT HEART. What does this mean to you?

THE FRIEND THAT SERVES BEHIND THE SCENES - JOHN 2

Are you someone who prefers to serve behind the scenes?

Are you on a Dream Team?

Is there somewhere in the community you regularly serve?

How does serving reflect Jesus?

Why is being a friend who doesn't get credit hard? Or said another way, what's in us that craves to be acknowledged?

THE FRIEND THAT POINTS YOU TO JESUS - 2 KINGS 5

Who was the friend or friends that you would say pointed you to Jesus? How did they do it?

Is there someone God might have put in your life that you could be praying for an opportunity to encourage or invite into seeking out Jesus?

What's one take-away from Sunday's message?