

What Happy Couples Know **Let's Just Be Friends**

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

Genesis 2:4-8, 16-22
Psalm 118:7
Song of Songs 5:16
Genesis 3:7
John 15:15
James 2:23
Proverbs 23:7
Hebrews 4:14-15

Key Ideas

Great marriages are built on great friendships.

Let's Just Be Friends in 4 Ways:

Let's Just Be Different
Let's Just Be Vulnerable
Let's Just Believe in Each Other
Let's Just Empathize

Homework for married couples:

- Highlight something different about your spouse this week and celebrate it.
- Create care/share moments for small secrets or offenses with your spouse.
- Think about why you married your spouse, not why you're mad. Speak to their future.
- If situations arise: consider your spouse's feelings and seek Godly counsel.

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What was your first car? Did you buy it yourself or was it gifted to you?

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Besides the four ways that Pastor Aaron mentions in the sermon, what are the characteristics that come to mind when you think of a great friend?

Start sharing. Ask questions to get your group talking.

- Are you only looking for friendships and relationships where everyone is like you? How do you personally celebrate the differences in your relationships? Why do you think some are looking for people who think, act, look, and talk like themselves?
- Are you the type of person people feel safe being vulnerable with? Why or why not? Do you have a person in your life you feel comfortable sharing with? Why do you think this type of person is hard to find?
- Whom do you know who believes in you? How can you tell? What do they say that lets you know they believe in you? Are you a person who speaks life over others?
- It's been said, "we don't see things as they are, we see things as we are". Do you agree with this? How do you think this statement could help you empathize with people who think and see things differently than us?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- *Take prayer requests.*

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- What's one step you can take this week to live out the message in an area of your life?