**Friendship and Culture**

**Friendship**

* Friendship is something that most people **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and seek out in life.
* Friends are extra special because we **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** them.
* In our lives, we must ensure that we are building **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** that will continue to thrive through the ups and downs in life.
* In today’s lesson, we will look at how we tend to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to our friends in Canadian culture and how **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** calls us to develop our friendships.

**Q: Why do you think it is important to establish friendships?**

**Q: What qualities do you look for in a friend?**

**Reciprocity and Trust**

* Reciprocity is the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** that if I do something for someone else, this person will at some point do something in **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** for me.
* This give and take is motivated by **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and by **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
* Our culture depends on reciprocity, but it has been gradually **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** because of a lack of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
* Why do you think that the level of trust in our society has declined?

**Q: How much do you trust your friends?**

* On a scale of 1 to 10, what is your level of trust toward your friends?



* Why did you choose that number?

**Jesus and Friendship**

* Jesus had some **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** friendships in his life.
* He said that friendship was based on **\_\_\_\_\_** and that one could have no greater love than this: to lay down one’s **\_\_\_\_\_** for one’s **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
* Jesus shared his **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** with his friends – his disciples.
* For Jesus, the kingdom of God **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** everything, including friendships.
* For Jesus, everything, including friendship is for **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
* In his eyes, friendship is a **\_\_\_\_\_** that must be passed on.
* It is a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** – a call to extend to others the benefit you have received.
* Jesus saw friendship as a call to **\_\_\_\_\_\_** others.
* He reminded people that the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of \_\_\_\_ is at hand.
* To earn a place in God’s Kingdom, he called people to extend **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to those in need.
* Jesus saw **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** as a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** block to friendship.

**The Golden Rule**

* In our friendships and in our dealings with others, Jesus calls us to follow the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** rule.
* The golden rule: “Do to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** as you would have them do to **\_\_\_\_**” (Luke 6: 31).
* When we apply the golden rule, we deal with others in the **\_\_\_\_\_\_** way that we would like them to deal with us, **\_\_\_\_** asking for **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in return.