



### **How to use Talk It Over:**

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with the key questions, add any optional scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

### **Week 1 Main Idea:**

**To be the friend you need to be, you must be present and get open with your friends.**

**Ice Breaker: You and another person are stuck on a deserted island for 1 year with no other human company. Who do you want that person to be and why?**

### **This week's scripture readings:**

**Proverbs 13:20, Proverbs 17:17, and Hebrews 10:24-25.**

**Videos can be found on our Youtube channel. Open the Youtube App, sign in with [circlesatOasis@gmail.com](mailto:circlesatOasis@gmail.com). Password: Oasis07065. All video will be in the Friending folder**

- 1. Play Week 1 Teaching Video**
- 2. Play Message from Pastor Fred Week 1**

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. How has social media impacted your friendships for better or for worse?
2. Do you have the right friends? Do you feel you are getting adequate time with those friends?
3. How present are you in your friendships? How transparent are you? If there is one of these things you need to work on, what is it and what are you going to do about it?

**Optional Questions:** If needed, include one or more of these scriptures and questions to extend your conversation.

4. Craig asked you to list your six closest friends during the message. Of those six friends, which one would you classify as your closest friend? How has their friendship benefited your life?
5. What are some of the things that keep you from having truly authentic friendships?
6. “Show me your friends and I’ll show you your future.” How have you experienced this truth in your life?
7. What weaknesses do you struggle with most? How could your LifeGroup and your friends help you in dealing with these weaknesses?
8. **Next Steps:**  
What’s one thing you can do this week that will help you be more present or more transparent with your friends?