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Are Facebook Friends Enough?

This past weekend Pastor Ken started a new series looking at questions that are connected to and flow out of the technology in our everyday life called *Questions of Silicon Valley*. During this series we would like to invite you to go through these points with someone at work, your family, or find a place to do it alone or with a friend. Let's grow and do life together.

... whatever you do, do it to the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31

1. While the use of social media is on the rise, actual connections with others is declining and there is more loneliness in our valley than ever before. So, how can we get that life giving connection we have in friendship back (read Proverbs 27:9).
2. First, we need to be willing to go deeper with others by opening more of our heart and soul to them (read Proverbs 18:24 and John 15:15). Is there a friend that you can point to and say there are no secrets between us, they know who I am, and we share our deepest fears, desires, struggles, dreams, and weaknesses with?
3. Second, the beauty and power of friendship is that it sharpens us and multiplies who we are (read Proverbs 27:17 and Ecclesiastes 4:9-10). We need to wise about who we hang out with (Proverbs 12:26; 13:20 and 27:6). Our closest friends should have the same core values and spirituality like building the character of Christ in our lives as we have. Who do you hang out with and how are they rubbing off on you?
4. The third thing that Pastor Ken discussed was staying faithful (read Proverbs 17:9; 17:17 and 27:10). Be a friend that stands with others when they are going through a storm and who celebrates their accomplishments. Is there someone you need to stand with or to forgive? Purpose in your heart to reach out to them this week.

Close in prayer