

Prayer Update

Hospitalized & Surgeries this past week

Gene Cutler had a brain aneurysm on 8/14. He's had several surgeries at Stanford Hospital and is in ICU fighting hard. Please pray for healing and a miraculous recovery and for comfort and peace for the family.

Gary Barton diagnosed with late stage colon cancer is up at UCSF. They have moved to the area. He has had a rough time the last several days and is now on IV's for nutrition and pain management. The family is very encouraged by the care he has received.

Paul Seals is at Dominican Hospital with an infection.

Pauline Roby is still fighting a bad infection from her hip replacement surgery and is back at Stanford hospital. Please pray for miraculous healing.

Home with the Lord

Ron Denevi was welcomed into heaven on August 28th after an 8 month battle with brain cancer. Please remember his wife, Shelli and his family in your prayers. Praise God he was able to go on several trips with the family before God called him home!

Julie Jacobsen was battling cancer for several years and on August 28th, went home to be with her Heavenly Father. Please pray for her husband, Dennis and her family as they grieve the loss of their loved one.

Wayne Elliston one of our members since the late 40's and very active in many ministries at TLC, passed into the presence of the Lord on September 2nd.

Ramona Bennet a long time and active TLC member went home to be with Jesus on September 1st. She will be missed greatly by her family and friends. A celebration of her life will be held on Sept 27th at 11 am in Monschke Hall.

Neal Jern beloved husband, dad and Grandpa entered into heaven on September 2nd. May God's comforting spirit increasingly bring peace to his wife, Kay, his daughter, Karen Smith and their extended family as they grieve this loss. Neal was an active member serving as a deacon and on the pastoral search committee many years ago.

Births

Cheyenne Marie was welcomed into this world on August 28th in Okinawa. Proud parents, 1st Lieutenant Matthew Sleeper and his wife Brittany are doing great and Don and Cathy Sleeper are thrilled for this new season of becoming grandparents!

A complete prayer list is available at the information desk.



Conversations with Christ

The skeptical student

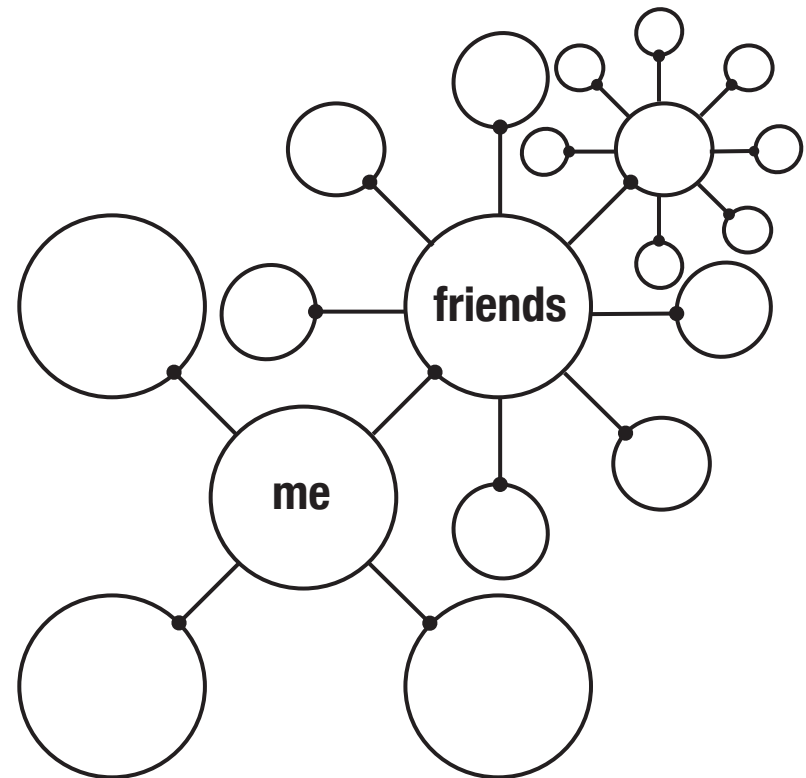


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John 1

September 6 & 7 | René Schlaepfer

My social network:



The social network in John 1:

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said... The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon... The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about, and about whom the prophets also wrote..." John 1:40-45

Inviting people to the conversation

1. CONNECT _____ (John 1:40-45)

2. EXPECT _____

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. John 1:46

If you tend to be cynical, remember:

- Contempt _____
- God works through the _____

3. RESPECT _____

- Jesus is _____

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." John 1:47

- Jesus is _____

"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." John 1:48

Key Thought: Jesus knows me _____ and _____

- Jesus is _____; He keeps it _____

Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man." John 1:49-51

The bottom line:

Daily Meditations

Memory Verse: He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man." John 1:51

Monday: Read John 1:1-18. What facts about "The Word" can you find in verses 1-5 and verse 18? What strikes you most about Jesus in this passage? Why? *Thank God today that He through whom all things were created came into creation to make Himself known!*

Tuesday: Read John 1:35-42. In what way is Jesus "the Lamb of God"? Jesus not only changes Peter's nickname; he changes his identity. "Peter" and "Cephas" both mean "rock", and Peter will slowly grow from an impetuous man into a "rock" that helps lead the early church. How does Jesus change our identity today? What nicknames might characterize you before — and after — you followed Jesus? *Today thank God that Jesus changes our identity as we follow Him! Pray by name for people you know who need to grasp their identity in Christ.*

Wednesday: Read John 1:43-46. How did Nathanael respond at first to Philip's invitation? What are some stereotypes about Christians or Christianity people have today? What is Philip's response to Nathan's skepticism? How is this a role model for us? *Today pray for those you know who may be skeptical about the faith; pray that cynicism wouldn't grip their hearts.*

Thursday: Read John 1:47-49. What did Jesus say when he saw Nathanael? What was Nathanael's response? What finally convinced Nathanael that Jesus is the Son of God? What convinced you to follow Jesus? With his remarks, Jesus shows that he knows Nathanael both inside and out. *Thank God today that He knows you both inside and out!*

Friday: Read John 1:50,51. Jesus is quoting Genesis 28:12, where Jacob has a dream of angels on a ladder from earth to heaven — only he says he, the Son of Man, is the ladder. What is he saying about himself? Why do you think Jesus often speaks so poetically about his mission instead of speaking plainly? How could you poetically describe an aspect of Jesus' mission? *Thank God that Christ is the Way between earth and heaven!*

Saturday: Please pray for the services this weekend! Meditate on John 2:1-11, the passage we'll be studying.