

## Friend of Sinners

### Thoughtful

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**Thoughtfulness means that we \_\_\_\_\_ about the \_\_\_\_\_ of others, which moves us to \_\_\_\_\_ for them.**

*I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.*

John 16:33, NIV

*11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.*

John 17:11, NIV

**In a crisis, we either soak in God's \_\_\_\_\_ or become self-absorbed in our \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus shows his thoughtfulness by calming our \_\_\_\_\_ with His \_\_\_\_\_.**

*20 My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.* John 17:20-21, NIV

**Jesus shows His thoughtfulness to us by \_\_\_\_\_ for our \_\_\_\_\_. Our unity with Him, and with each other, is the \_\_\_\_\_ to anxiety during this time.**

*22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.* John 17:22-23, NIV

**Jesus shows His thoughtfulness for our \_\_\_\_\_ by uniting us with a resolve to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ everyone around us.**

*24 "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.* John 17:24, NIV

*4 (God) wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.* 1 Timothy 2:4, NIV

**Who are Jesus thoughts for? \_\_\_\_\_ . He's with you \_\_\_\_\_. He made sure you could be with Him \_\_\_\_\_.**

*25 Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. 26 I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.* John 17:25-26, NIV

*10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.* Galatians 6:10, NIV

**Thoughtfulness goes \_\_\_\_\_ just thoughts. It shows by:**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ for others constantly.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ with others truthfully.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ for others consistently.

### MEMORY VERSE

*4 (God) wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.* 1 Timothy 2:4, NIV

**My next step:** Jesus shows that He is thoughtful by going beyond thoughts. I will strive to go beyond just thoughts to prayer, unity and care for my community.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.

# Impact Group Questions

## Friend of Sinners – Thoughtful

**Getting Started:** Share an example of a friend who has been thoughtful to you. How did it affect you?

### Going Back to Sunday

Each week we will begin with the same question, “What about the message from Sunday had the most meaning or made the biggest impact on you? Take time to answer this question as you listen to each message. Bring your sermon notes to class each week to help you remember.

### Back to Sunday

#### Read: John 16:33 and John 17:11

Give an example of a time when Jesus’ promises helped you with a problem.

#### Read: John 17:20-23

Jesus prays for our unity as His Church. How does unity with a group of believers help in times of anxiety and uncertainty?

#### Read: John 17:23-26

Jesus doesn’t just pray that we are safe. He prays that people are saved. Thoughtfulness to others means that we don’t just think about them, but that we pray, unify and care for our community. How does this help us reach out with the gospel to those who are not saved?

### Doing Life Together:

Jesus had told His disciples that He was only going to be with them for a little while. They were going to experience social distancing

from Him which would result in tension, transition and trouble for them. This time of social distancing may lead to people experiencing these same things. Is there someone in your life who needs to hear a promise of Jesus in the midst of their problem? How do you plan to connect with that person? Brainstorm as a group to make a plan of how to connect Jesus’ promises with people who are struggling with their problems.

### My Next Step:

Right now our elders and staff are trying to make sure every person in the church is contacted through a group leader, elder or staff member. A great way for us to unify is to reach out and pray with each other. Who needs to hear from you and pray with you?

### Prayer:

In the prayer section we encourage you to take about 10 minutes to pray as a group. Include the issues of prayer and praise from above. Set aside about 10 minutes so it doesn’t feel rushed. Go around in a circle with each person praying, a person may say, “pass” if they are uncomfortable praying out loud.

### Friendship:

Spend the final 10 to 15 minutes of group catching up with other group members. Take time to get to know those you don’t know quite as well. Make sure to include everyone in the group.

### Reminders:

We are not going to be having church in person for at least a few more weeks. Make sure you receive the weekly email (subscribe at [www.cwlk.church](http://www.cwlk.church) all the way at the bottom of the page), keep coming to a virtual group, consider Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as ways to stay in touch.

CrossWalk is partnering with the Laveen Community Council to host a blood drive through the Red Cross on Friday, April 3. Go to [cwlk.church](http://cwlk.church) and click on “most recent updates” on the banner. You’ll be directed to where you can sign up. Also, we need volunteers for this event! Email [phil@cwlk.church](mailto:phil@cwlk.church) if you can help. Thanks!