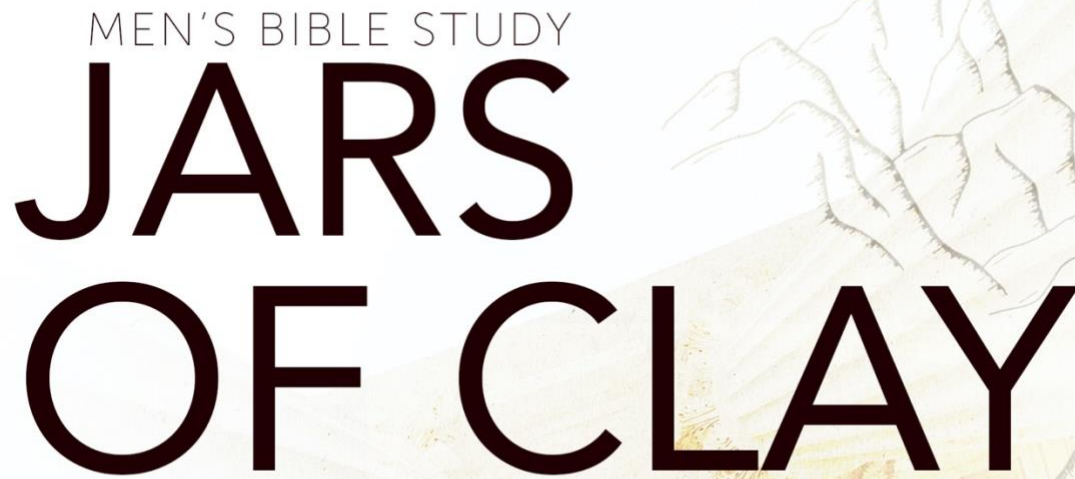


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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



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SESSION SEVEN:

**TIMOTHY & EPAPHRODITUS –
TRUE FRIENDSHIP**

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Philippians 2:19-30

Characteristics of True Friends...

1. _____

A. To the _____

- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- 1 Corinthians 7:39

B. To the Lord's _____

C. To the Lord's _____

- 1 Corinthians 12:22-25
- 1 John 4:20

2. _____

A. To the _____ of God

B. To the _____ of God

C. To the _____ of God

D. To the _____ of God

3. _____

WHAT'S YOUR HIGHLIGHT?

Review your notes from this week's teaching. Was there anything that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Who was your best friend in Elementary School? How did the friendship begin? What made them a good friend?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read 1 Samuel 23:15-18

1. What characteristics did Jonathan display that made him a great friend to David?
2. Do you have a friend like Jonathan? If so, describe the benefits of your friendship. If not, what are some challenges to finding a friend like Jonathan?
3. We might be tempted to pray, "Lord, give me a friend like Jonathan." What if you turned that prayer around and said, "Lord, make me a friend like Jonathan?" What characteristics in Jonathan do you need to develop to be a better friend to someone else?

Read 1 Samuel 18:1-4

1. What significance do you think there is in Jonathan taking off his robe and giving it along with his tunic, sword, bow, and belt?
2. What was Jonathan "sacrificing" in order to commit to David as a true friend?
3. What actions would be similar to Jonathan's in today's world to indicate commitment, transparency, and vulnerability in a friendship?

Read 1 Samuel 20:14-17

1. What risks was Jonathan taking in committing to David as his friend?
2. What are some risks that you have taken, or were unwilling to take, in your friendships? What was the result?

Read 2 Corinthians 7:5-7

1. Can you remember a time when someone comforted you like Titus comforted Paul?
2. Are any of your friends facing discouragement or hardship right now? What are some practical things you could do to encourage them?
3. Has God used you to comfort, encourage, and strengthen the faith of a friend? Tell the group about that experience and the results of your actions.

SESSION SEVEN GROUP PRAYER

PRAYER REQUESTS

