New Hope For A New Year: Leaning on Jesus For Lasting Change
Being a Better Friend – 2/4/18

Big Idea: As sinners, we tend to focus on ourselves and maintain easy relationships. As Christians, we are called to move toward those around us, speak to their hearts and incarnate the love of Christ.

Questions:
- What do you do?
- What is your favorite thing to do?
- What is one thing you have been worried about this week?

I. Enter into a person’s world

Question: Why are our relationships with others stuck in the casual?

“Your neediness qualifies you to help others.” – Ed Welch

- We spend too much time and effort on hiding our neediness.

Romans 8:12-17

II. Identify the heart

We have to get comfortable with being uncomfortable.

- Types of questions:
  - Open-Ended
  - Survey/Focused
  - Revealing questions
    - What?
    - How?
    - Why?
    - Where?
    - When?
  - Building questions

- CPR
  - Concepts
  - Personalized
  - Relating to Others
III. Incarnate the love of Christ

- Hebrews 4:14-16
- John 4:6-42

“Our imagination about God—especially in the midst of tragedy—is not reliable. We must run to the true portrait in His word”

- Joni Earekson Tada

- Ephesians 2:1-10
- Galatians 6:9-10

Resources:
- *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands* – Paul Tripp
- *Side By Side* – Ed Welch
- *Relationships* – Tim Lane & Paul Tripp
- *Life Together* – Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- [www.ccef.org/topic/relationships](http://www.ccef.org/topic/relationships)
- Adult Ed class: Gospel Centered Relationships: Jan/Feb 2017