

Friend or Foe?

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Allies sit on the same side of the table.

ICE BREAKER: Who is that one person in your life who is your biggest ally? Why do you think of them that way?

Read: 1 Peter 5:8-9

- What does resisting the devil look like?

Read: Galatians 5:15

- What are ways Christians bite and devour each other? Why do you think Christians do that?

Read: Colossians 3:11-15

- What do you read in this text that would make a significant difference among Christians if they could practice it consistently?
- Which of the instructions in this text do you need the most improvement in, and what change(s) will you make to move in the right direction?
- Re-read verse 13 in the New Living Translation. Which is more difficult: making allowances for others' faults or forgiving others? Why?
- Frank talked about getting on the same side of the table and together facing whatever causes conflict between you and your fellow believer. Explore that metaphor as a group. What does that look like, practically speaking? How can that be helpful?

Prayer: Ask God to help you clothe yourselves with mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and love so that, in all your interactions with fellow believers and people who are far from God, you reflect Jesus.