

Discussion Questions for “Becoming a Caring Friend”

1. What keeps us from placing other people’s interests above our own?
2. Why is serving other people important when we are going through difficult times or hardship?
3. Consider the following verses.

*and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. **Isaiah 58:10***

*The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. **Isaiah 58:11***

What does it mean when the Scripture says, “*your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like noonday*”

If we follow the Scripture’s directive, how will we, “*be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail*”?

4. What is the difference between true encouragement and flattery?
5. Proverbs 18:14 says, *A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.*

What is meant by the person described as, “a man of many companions”? What is the tendency when we have many friends? Could all of these friendships be close friends?

6. How is Jesus like, “a friend who sticks closer than a brother?”