

SUNDAY BRIEFING



What Do You Need To Consider?

BY PASTOR DON GARDNER

I know that many of you would prefer to simply read these words quickly and then move on. Yet, the request for this section of "WORDS" is a bit different as I'm going to ask you to, individually, take a couple of minutes to answer some questions and consider what your answers mean to you:

- 1)** In two sentences or less, give your definition of what a friend is? Afterward, compare that definition with your spouse or your parent?
- 2)** List 5 true friends that you have even to this day?
- 3)** Why do you consider these 5 persons true friends?

With Jesus as our spiritual model, we can't help but wonder about his friendships.

If you were to list them, who would you think Jesus would claim as his best friends and why? Personally, I can't help but always wonder about some of them, for several of them showed pretty significant frailties in their character when the deepest struggles came their way. My prayer for you, and myself, is that we may cherish our relationships with each other and BE TRUE FRIENDS with those persons who know us.

UPCOMING

May 15 | Deacons' Meeting

May 22 | Church-wide Prayer Meeting

June 6 | Church Opening

Is Transparency of our Tongue Always Wise?

Pastor Don Gardner

James 3:1-18

Introduction: Just because we are aware of something, good or bad, it doesn't mean we have to tell everyone about it.

I. Knowledge is power: use it responsibly (James 3: 1-12)

II. Earthly wisdom & dangerous self ambition (James 3: 13-16)

III. Spiritual wisdom from God (James 3: 17-18)

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Announcements & Prayers

Summer 2021 Sunday School materials are ready for collection and/or delivery. Please email or call the church office to make arrangements for pick up. When in-person Sunday worship services resume in June, you can pick up your materials either at the tables at the worship services or church office before or after the services.

- 1) Please support Teacher Grace Lee as she makes plans to guide us in our VBS in June 14-18.
- 2) If you haven't signed up to write something for our Mid-Week Sharing, please let Sharon know when you might be interested in letting us hear from you!
- 3) Please prepare your heart for the upcoming prayer meeting to be held on Saturday, May 22 at 9:00 AM.

*Out of the
same mouth
come praise
and cursing.
My brothers
and sisters,
this should
not be.*

JAMES 3:10

CONNECT

The best way for knowing about who God is and what God does is through the Bible. Though we all could read and study the Bible individually, we learn so much more when we read and study the Bible together in a group. Bible study groups at FCBC PHX offer a variety of options for all ages, with groups that meet during weekdays, evenings, or Sunday morning. Contact us!

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