



# “asking for a friend”

## week 3 | july 16

### introduction

Welcome to the final week of the *Asking for a Friend* series! As we finish exploring a variety of topics that matter to you and your Little Iowa, Pastor Phil shared about finding true contentment while Pastor Jesse shared a vision for the Church’s reputation.

### discussion

1. We’ve all been inspired (or convinced) to buy stuff we feel like we can’t live without. But often after the initial satisfaction, our contentment starts to wear off until we discover the next best thing. What’s an item you’ve recently felt like you just “had to have”? And if you got it, how did it feel? Do you still feel the same way?
2. We can also spend a lot of time trying to live up to certain expectations – from living in the “right” neighborhood, to an Instagram-worthy life, going on the perfect vacation, making sure kids are in the right activities...just to name a few examples. How does chasing these expectations often impact you personally? Do you feel more content, discontent, peace, or pressure? What do you think may be motivating this chase?
3. **Read John 10:10.** Jesus came to give life to the full. Amidst a world full of amazing things, Jesus is still the only one who will truly satisfy us day in and day out. Are you experiencing this feeling of contentment with Him today? Why or why not? If you’ve experienced this feeling before, share what it’s like and the impact on your life.
4. Pastor Jesse asked us, “What does the world think about when it thinks about the Church and its people?” Share your answer and discuss with your group.
5. **Revisit and read Jeremiah 29:7.** Do you often pray for the good of your city and its prosperity? Do you feel a sense of responsibility to contribute in meaningful ways to the community around you? Why or why not?
6. **Revisit and read 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12.** What steps can you take to build influence – and ultimately credibility for Jesus’ message - in your Little Iowa through quiet, positive engagement? What message do you want your community to hear most about Jesus and how your efforts help communicate it humbly and practically?

### application

These are the topics people in your Little Iowa are most curious about. Over the course of this series, we have the opportunity to show how Jesus and the church can be a place for real-life answers to their questions.

When you think of someone that would benefit from these videos, we encourage you to reach out, start a conversation, and send the video their way. You can access each individual video (and links to share them) on our [Resource Page](#) or by texting “friend” to 99581.

Don’t ignore the nudges and names that come to you during the next few weeks. Whether it’s a text to a friend or post on social media, you have the opportunity to share a glimpse of God’s love and character in a simple and accessible way.