



● A Jesus revolution happens when we know Jesus **personally**.

"You'll remember, friends, that when I first came to you, I didn't try to impress you with polished speeches and the latest philosophy. I deliberately kept it plain and simple: first Jesus and who he is; then Jesus and what he did--Jesus crucified." (1 Corinthians 2:1-2 Message)

● A Jesus revolution happens when I discover that Jesus is my **best friend**.

One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:24 (NIV)

This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. John 15:12-15 (NLT)

● When Jesus is your friend, you have access to the **heart** of Jesus. You are my friends if you do what I command. John 15:14 (NLT)

● Our friendship with Jesus reveals our shared **values** with Jesus.

That's why he (*Jesus*) had to enter into every detail of human life. Then, when he came before God as high priest to get rid of the people's sins, he would have already experienced it all himself—all the pain, all the testing—and would be able to help where help was needed. Hebrews 2:17-18 (MSG)

● Jesus **understands** me.

(He) ...would be able to help where help was needed. Hebrews 2:18 (MSG)

Jesus understands:

● Jesus understands your **relationships**.

"Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" Mark 6:3

When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." Mark 3:21

● Jesus understands your **life**.

Now that we know what we have—Jesus, this great High Priest with ready access to God—let's not let it slip through our fingers. We don't have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He's been through weakness and testing, experienced it all—all but the sin. Hebrews 4:15-16(MSG)

● Jesus understands your **trials**.

....he would have already experienced it all himself—all the pain, all the testing... Hebrews 2:17b (MSG)

My Best Friend

"A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." Proverbs 18:24

● Make Jesus your **best friend**.

"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." John 15:15

● **Talk** to Him.

"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:16

● Trust Him with your **life**.

"Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you." Psalms 37:5 (NLT)



**TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE
IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.**

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- In your own words how would you describe knowing Jesus personally?
- What are the qualities that you value in a best friend? Do those qualities also describe Jesus in your life?
- What does it mean that we have access to the heart of Jesus? Read John 15:14; What does this scripture mean to you?
- What does this statement mean to you: Jesus understands you. Does that bring comfort in your life? Explain.
- How does Jesus understanding your relationships help you?
- Read Hebrews 4:15-16; What does this scripture mean to you? What in this scripture stands out to you?
- How does Jesus, as our friend, walk with us through our trials?
- What is one way we can experience Jesus as our best friend?

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