

FRIENDOLOGY



NEED A FRIEND RIGHT NOW?

Sometimes you need someone to walk you through a difficult time. Care Partners are trained to do just that. Whether you are facing a divorce, diagnosis or loss, they will offer compassion and prayer.

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BLESS A NEW MOM

The Garden of New Beginnings is our annual collection drive that helps parents in need in our community. Starting today, you can pick up a flower with a donation request written on it. Return the item to Westwood and local agencies will distribute the donations.

Chanhassen campus: Flowers are available from the display in the lower level. Items can be returned any time through Sunday, May 13.

Minnetonka campus: Flowers are available at the Info Spot. Items can be returned Sunday, May 6 and Sunday, May 13.

The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.
Proverbs 12:26 (NIV)

The Loneliness Epidemic

Proverbs 18:24

Subtract: → → → → → → → → → **Divide:**

To withdraw or take away
as part from the whole

to separate; sunder; cut off

Who are they?

- Deceptive _____ Proverbs 27:5-6
- Master _____ Proverbs 16:28
- Addicted _____ Psalm 38:10-11
- Persuasive _____ I Corinthians 15:33
- Big _____ Proverbs 20:19
- Hot _____ Proverbs 22:24-25
- Tight _____ Proverbs 23:6-7
- Always _____ Proverbs 13:10

What do they take from you?

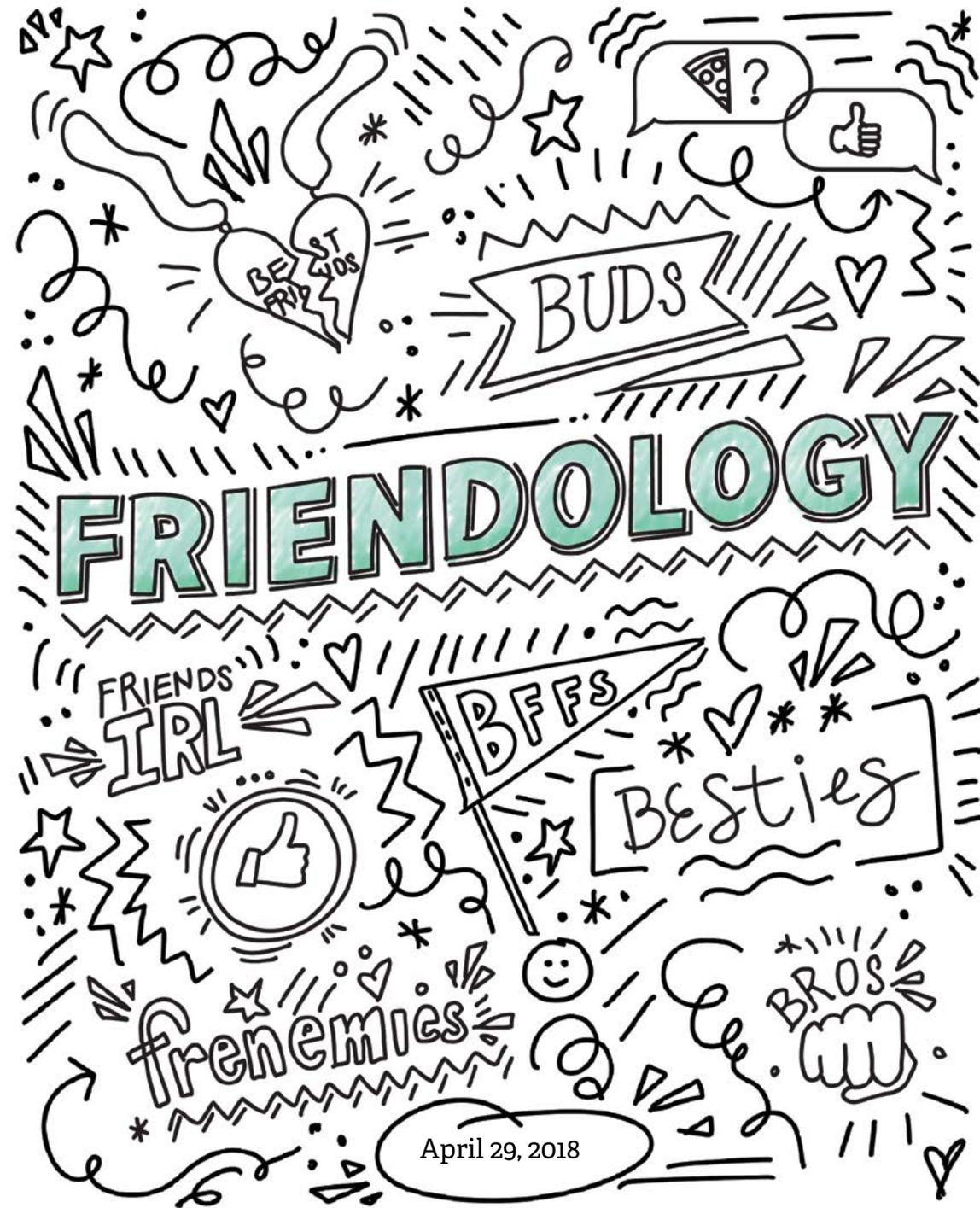
- Kill your _____
- Deplete your _____
- Burn up your _____
- Keep you away from _____
- Steal your _____

Important Questions:

- Can they change?
- How do you deal with a safe friend who becomes an unsafe friend?
- Are you a Subtractor or a Divider?

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE TODAY.

Is this your first time here? Welcome! Stop by the Info Spot before or after the service. We'd love to meet you, answer any questions you have, and give you some handy information. For kids and students, we offer great programs specially tailored to their ages. The team at the Westwood Kids desk is happy to help you get them connected.



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#2 “Subtractors and Dividers”
Small Group Questions

1. Do you believe there is a loneliness epidemic? Where do you see evidence of it?
2. Proverbs 12:26 says, “*The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.*” How do you choose your friends. What do you look for?
3. Define the words ‘subtractors’ and ‘dividers.’ What are the distinctions?
4. Pastor Joel reviewed the biblical statements made about subtractors who may become dividers (see list below). When you think about the people who have influenced your life do you have any subtractors on that list? Be careful not to name them personally in your group, but share in principle the effect a subtractor had on your life using one of these qualities. What did you personally learn from that experience that would encourage your way of living to be more like that of Jesus? **Who are they?**

- Deceptive Manipulators Proverbs 27:5-6
- Master Controllers Proverbs 16:28
- Addicted Users Psalm 38:10-11
- Persuasive Tempters I Corinthians 15:33
- Big Talkers Proverbs 20:19
- Hot Tempered Proverbs 22:24-25
- Tight Fisted Proverbs 23:6-7
- Always Right Proverbs 13:10

5. What do subtractors take from you personally? State one and explain why
 - Kill Your Confidence
 - Deplete Your Energy
 - Burn Up Your Time
 - Keep You Away From Relationships
 - Steal Your Joy

Important Questions:

#1 Can they change?

#2 How do you deal with a safe friend who becomes an unsafe friend?

#3 Are you a Subtractor or a Divider? In what ways could you improve your patterns of subtracting or dividing?

Four Good Resources by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend: Safe People; Boundaries; Boundaries in Marriage; Boundaries with Kids