

**WEEK 2:** Friend Request – Lydia, Paul & Hospitality**Date:** Nov. 15, 2020**Bible Passages:** Acts 16:11-15, 35-40 & Philippians**Bottom Line:** True friendship means opening our lives, homes, and treasures to share with one another.**Video:** [www.youtube.com/compassstudentsonline](http://www.youtube.com/compassstudentsonline)

**Preparation:** Mom and/or dad, take time to prepare well for this spiritual experience with your son or daughter and perhaps their friends. Proper preparation includes reading through this guide, setting up a comfortable environment, preparing the videos, materials (*everyone will need a Bible, pen and notebook/journal*) and snacks, and prayer. It also includes giving your participants time to prepare as well. Let them know in advance what you want to do and then remind them a few minutes before your start time so that they are ready too.

**Interactive game / activity –**

- Option 1: The Alphabet Game – Vacation Location Edition

Beginning with the letter “A” students will take turns naming a common vacation location that begins with each sequential letter of the alphabet. For instance, the first student might say, “Aspen,” and the second might say, “the beach,” followed by the third student’s answer, “Colorado,” and the fourth, “Disney.” If a student fails to come up with a location within 5 seconds (or whatever you determine is reasonable for your group), they must pass, and the next person must continue with the same letter. Each student gets two (2) passes and then should be removed from the rotation to keep the game moving quickly. Students should keep track of their own passes. If the group gets to the letter “Z,” play will loop back to letter “A” and continue a second... third...fourth round. The last student left, or with the most successful guesses, wins the game.

- Option 2: [Where in the world?](#)

Using the linked [Google Slides presentation](#), have students guess these famous US vacation destinations. There are 12 all-together. You can make it a race to name each location first, or see who can name the most destinations total.

**Activity Debrief:** (This would be a good time to pass out snacks)

- People spent \$218 billion dollars on what we call the “hospitality industry” in America in 2018! That’s a LOT of money spent to relax and make memories.
- [Where is your favorite place to be in the whole world? Why?](#)

**Video Teaching:** [Friend Request: week 1 – Ruth, Naomi, and Loyalty](#)

**Set-up:** ““Today we continue our series titled “Friend Request.” Last week we learned about loyalty from two women named Ruth and Naomi. This week we will focus on hospitality by looking at a friendship between the Apostle Paul and a lady named Lydia.”

\*There is a break at 4:35 for a brief connect question.

Play the video [HERE](#).

Ice Breakers:

- If you could invite anyone in the world to spend a weekend at your home, who would you extend your hospitality to? Why? What would you do to make them feel at home?

Discussion Starters:

- Why do you think hospitality is important in a friendship?
- Where have you witnessed hospitality? When or where have you witnessed hospitality in our home?
- Some people include hospitality as one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. That means that God empowers people with this gift for the benefit of the church. Why do you think the gift of hospitality would be important for the church? Where do you see this active today?

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:8-11

The Apostle Peter was focused on helping the early church learn how to be a family in an environment that was hostile to their newly established faith. His letter is a great reminder to us today as well. Caring for one another with hospitality and kindness is essential in trying times.

Read *1 Peter 4:8-11* together as a group and discuss the questions below.

*"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup> Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen."*

Digging Deeper:

- What does it mean that "love covers over a multitude of sins?" Where have you experienced this?
- If there was such thing as a "grumble-meter," how much grumbling would it pick up in you? When and why do you tend to grumble most?
- Peter gives us four directives in this passage that we should do for one another. What are they? (*love, offer hospitality, serve, speak*)
- According to verse 11, what is the end result of loving/serving/etc... one another in these ways?

Application:

- What does it look like today, in our current circumstances, to love, offer hospitality, serve, and speak God's Word to one another? Take time to explore each directive and what it looks like practically.
- Which of your friends needs godly hospitality from you right now? What will you do about it?
- How can we practice godly hospitality in our home this season?

1:15 **Closing activity & prayer:** choose 1 of the following options for the whole group together.

- Singing: Together sing “[Come to the Table](https://youtu.be/DXXxLwxfo0U),” by Sidewalk Prophets (<https://youtu.be/DXXxLwxfo0U>)
- Journal Response: Pull out your notebook or journal and create a list of blessings that God has provide you that you can share with others. It might be helpful to consider the needs of some of your friends (the ones you listed last week) as you consider what you have to share.
- Scripture Response: Read and memorize 1 Peter 4:9-10

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- Prayer: encourage students to use their notebooks to record prayer requests and pray for the group members throughout the week.
  - How can we pray for our friends today?
  - How can we pray for our own friendliness and hospitality today?
  - How can we pray for one another, in our family, today?
  - CLOSE IN PRAYER.