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1. Who was your best friend growing up? What did you like to do together?
2. Do you feel that people, in general, are relationally poor or rich these days? Why?
3. When have your relationships helped you get through a difficult season of life? When have you been able to help someone else navigate a difficult season of life?
4. The relationships we have cultivated when nothing is going wrong help sustain us when everything goes wrong. So, why do you think some people avoid relationships?
5. What are some of the challenges that make it difficult to develop relationships?
6. At its best, the Christian community is a place where “The worst of me could be known, and instead of being loved less in the telling of it, I would discover that I was loved more.” (John Lynch) Do you feel that this is true in your group or friendships? Why or why not? How could you grow in being this kind of friend for others?
7. This sermon was on the importance of not traveling alone in life. What is a relational risk that you can take this week?