Dangerously Influential Week 2 - Live Speak Outline

Main Idea: Your friendships have the power to make or break your future.

Big Question: How do you build strong friendships?

Teaching Text:⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47 NIV

What do we want students to *know*? When it comes to making great friendships that will make you better and propel you forward in your faith, there are three key ingredients that need to be included: Making time with each other a priority, sacrificing for each other, and centering it all on Jesus

What do we want students to *feel*? Hopeful that they can be a better friend and develop stronger friendships.

What do we want students to do? If they're not coming to our group regularly, then make it a goal to be here every week of the semester. If they are, then come up with a plan to make time for their small group outside of Wednesday nights.

APPLICATION: Here are two simple things you can do to apply this message to your life and begin the process of building great friendships.

 Create a plan to spend <u>intentional</u> and <u>regular</u> time with our Group outside of Wednesday night.

CONCLUSION: Your friendships have the power to make or break your future. God's primary strategy to change the world is the Church. It's you. A group of friends following Jesus together. This is what Jesus lived, died, and rose again to build. Jesus wants you to play your part in His plans to change the world. He wants you to be dangerously influential. He wants to do again what He did before. That passage ends with these words:

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Don't settle for isolation. Make time with each other a priority. Commit to worshiping God and following Jesus with your friends. Don't just look for what they can do for you, but choose to sacrifice yourself to serve them. And every step of the way, keep praising God and keep Jesus at the center. When you do, like then, you will enjoy the favor of all the people, and the Lord will keep adding to our number those who have been rescued from sin and made right with Him.