

**Once Upon A Time In The Land of Uz. . .**  
**There Was A Man Who Had 3 Friends**  
*Job 2:11-13*

**Eight Common Mistakes Friends Can Make**

1. There's \_\_\_\_\_ in your life  
*Job 4:1-8, John 8:15-16, Galatians 6:1*
  
2. You don't have \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. You're being \_\_\_\_\_ for your \_\_\_\_\_  
*Job 5:17*
  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ more/ \_\_\_\_\_ more  
*Matthew 6:5-8*
  
5. It could be \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. The Lord has given me a \_\_\_\_\_ for you  
*Job 4:12-15*
  
7. God will \_\_\_\_\_ to you
  
8. You have a \_\_\_\_\_

**Lessons In Friendship**

- They came to \_\_\_\_\_ him
  
- They gave their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**They could have. . .**

- Helped with the \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Offered to help with the \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Verbally \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ him up
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ with instead of \_\_\_\_\_ to
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ and given \_\_\_\_\_ for healing

*John 15:13 (NIV)*  
**Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.**

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**The Big Question:**

**What kind of friend does God want you to be?**

## **Growth Group Homework**

### **Week of November 16-22, 2008**

#### **The Warm Up**

1. Can you remember the funniest thing someone ever said or did to you when you were going through a difficult time? Please explain.

2. Can you recall something you said to someone going through a difficult time you wish you could take back? Please explain.

#### **A Closer Look**

3. This past weekend Pastor Gary talked about our normal need to want to know “why.” Look up and read John 9:1-34 and answer the following questions.

What statement did Jesus make that completely did away with the whole idea of “cause and effect?” Circle the words in your Bible where you believe Jesus addresses this and discuss how His statement changed the whole wrong idea of needing to know “why?”

How did the religious leaders (Pharisees) respond to the fact of Jesus healing on the Sabbath? What huge event did they miss because they thought their religion had been violated?

In their interrogation of the man, the Pharisees insisted on knowing why and how this happened. What was their real motivation in grilling this man with questions?

Verse 34 reveals at least one big emotional hurdle the Pharisees could not overcome. Please explain the hurdle and why they clung to it so tenaciously.

4. Look back over your notes from last weekend’s message and answer the following questions.

Job’s friends could have shown some real practical help to him in his suffering. What would be the most difficult way for you to help someone? Please explain.

What avenue listed this past weekend of helping people is most out of your comfort zone? Please explain.

Why do you suppose people say or do nothing when someone they are close to is going through a difficult time?

#### **Extra Credit On Your Own**

5. How have you practically expressed your love and appreciation, either individually or corporately as a group, to those who have either led or hosted your Growth Group this semester?