

Friendship: Three Barriers

- **Conceited** – to look in and feel empty
- **Provoking** – to look down and feel superior
- **Envy** – to look up and feel inferior

Friendship: The Invitation

- Become a community of **sinner-restorers**.
- Become a community of **self-correctors**.
- Become a community of **burden-bearers**.

Questions for Discussion:

Have you experienced people who have put up one or more of these three barriers to your friendship?
How did it make you and others feel?

Are you guilty of putting up one or more of these barriers to others who would otherwise be your friend?
What will it look like for you to repent of putting up one of these barriers?

On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being “perfect”),
to what degree do you think we are a community of *sinner-restorers*?
What would it look like for you to contribute to us becoming more of this type of community?

On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being “perfect”),
to what degree do you think we are a community of *self-correctors*?
What would it look like for you to contribute to us becoming more of this type of community?

On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being “perfect”),
to what degree do you think we are a community of *burden-bearers*?
What would it look like for you to contribute to us becoming more of this type of community?