



Community Group Discussion Guide

July 12, 2015

Week 6 | Choose Wise Friends

Proverbs 13:20, 6:16-19

Sunday's sermon looks at the last of six Life Hacks we're discovering in this series.

Introduction

The thing I love about the book of Proverbs is how it takes key truths for everyday life and puts them on the bottom shelf where we can all reach them. It's a series of short statements that speak in a practical way to actions we will need to take to live a successful life.

A modern day word for these statements is Life Hacks. Life Hacks are simple ways of doing things that when done, add value to our lives. The book of Proverbs is full of Life Hacks. 631 total to be exact. And none of them are about anything little. Each one is a brilliant insight on how to live the most productive life possible.

Questions for Study

1. Reflect back on your earliest friendships. What are some of your best memories of friends you had in childhood and as a high school student? As a young adult what are the names of the three to five of your closest friends? What are you the most thankful for in those friendships?
2. When you think of the closest friends in your life what has been most impactful for you in those friendships?
3. Have you had close friends who as you look back you'd say were not good friends for you to have? If yes, how did they impact your life in a negative way?
4. If someone asked you what to look for in a friend, what would be the top three things you'd say is most important?
5. Write down the names of your three to five closest friends who are a part of you life now? How have these friends impacted your life?

Sunday's sermon unpacks five verses in Proverbs. Proverbs 13:20 and 6:16-19. Read these verses and then answer the following questions.

6. Why is the writer correct in what he wrote in Proverbs 13:20?
7. Proverbs 6:16-19 is one of those passages of scripture where we're given a very focused and concise insight to what matters most to God. These four verses do this in a reverse kind of way by telling us what it is that God hates. The power of this is how quickly it gets our attention. Write down the actions that are listed.
8. Now beside each one write down why God hates it.
9. Why is it critical to the success of your own life to not include a person who lives out any one of these behaviors?
10. After answering the 9th question write down the opposite of each one of the above actions. Use this list as a guideline who to look for as a close friend.