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## INTRODUCTION

### Part 11 - Walking in Wisdom with Friends

The series, Wise Guy, explores wisdom from the biblical book of Proverbs. Solomon asked God for wisdom to rule God's nation, and He granted the request. We could all use a little more wisdom, insight, knowledge and understanding, too.

Solomon, one of the wisest men who ever lived, penned the Old Testament book of Proverbs to address our need to know and understand life. His insights can help us navigate relationships, work, pleasure, and a host of other challenging situations.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How has social media impacted your friendships for better or for worse?
2. In the message, it was mentioned that you are the average of your five closest friends. What do you think about this? Do you think there are exceptions to this?
3. Kevin asked you to list your five closest friends during the message. Was this difficult for you? Why or why not?
4. Do you feel that you have these friends more for social, emotional or spiritual reasons? How has their friendship benefited your life?
5. In what ways have you been intentional in your friendships? Do you feel you are more of a thermostat or thermometer around your close friends? Does this change based upon who you spend time with?
6. Read and discuss Proverbs 13:20, Proverbs 28:26, and Hebrews 10:24-25.
7. What are some of the things that keep you from having the right friendships that help you move in the right direction?
8. What's one thing you can do this week that will help you be more intentional or more open with your friends?
9. Here are some other verses to consider: John 13:34-35; Proverbs 3:5-6; 1 Corinthians 15:33; Proverbs 18:24; Proverbs 22:22-24; Ecclesiastes 4:9-10; Proverbs 12:26
10. How might you apply this lesson to your life?

## APPLICATION

As you walk through the next few years, who will you become? That's up to you, but being intentional about the people with whom you spend the most time is important—these are the people shaping who you are or who you will become.

As we evaluate our friendships, figure out the reasons for connecting with others, and become intentional about getting plugged into caring for others, we change and we grow. It's important for us to walk in wisdom with the right people. Doing so helps us know we'll be headed in the right direction.

## KEY VERSES

Proverbs 13:20	1 Corinthians 15:33
Proverbs 28:26	Proverbs 18:24
Hebrews 10:24-25	Proverbs 22:22-24
Proverbs 27:17	Ecclesiastes 4:9-10
John 13:34-35	Proverbs 12:26
Proverbs 3:5-6	