

PROVERBS

Week 4: Wisdom and Community

Primary Passage(s): Proverbs 11:14, 12:26, 13:14 and 20, 15:22, 18:24, 19:20, 22:24-25 and 27:5-6

Lifegroup Study Guide

Recap: Get someone in your group to read Proverbs 13:14, 19:20 and 27:5-6 and recap the big ideas from the sermon.

Read Proverbs 12:26, Proverbs 13:20 and Proverbs 18:24.

- What aspects of friendship do you see celebrated in culture? (Consider friendships that are portrayed in television or movies.)
- Compare and contrast what these Proverbs celebrate about friendship with what our culture celebrates.

Read Proverbs 3:7, Proverbs 19:20 and Proverbs 27:5-6.

What are things you are doing that encourage your friends to speak truth into your life? Who are specific friends that encourage, correct and challenge you regularly?

- What are things you are doing that might discourage your friends from speaking truth into your life?

Read Colossians 3:13 and Hebrews 12:14-15.

Where in your life do you need to fight bitterness with forgiveness so you can continue walking in these close, honest friendships?

- What steps of repentance do you need to take? Where are you giving in to the temptation to drift from relationships with people who speak truth into your life? Where are you refusing to speak truth into someone's life that they need to hear?

Application: Use this time to discuss how we as a LG can fight against the drift away from open, truth-speaking, vibrant friendships.

Pray that we as a church family would fight against the tendency to drift from community and instead rigorously speak into one another's lives.