



Pr'me
Groups

Discussion
Gu'ide

"The Friend Filter"

05/27/18

With #NoFilter, Our Friends Can Push Us Away from Jesus

The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our “antennae up”, to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see “The References” section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

**someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- Which friend would be worse: one who *never* tells you the truth OR who *always* tells you the truth (even when they probably shouldn't)?

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

****Before we get further into the discussion, as a Pr'me we're going to work on memorizing Psalm 119:7-11 this week. [read verse]****

- Have 5 people read the following passages from 1 Kings 12:
 - v. 1-5; v. 6-7; v. 8-11; v. 12-15; v. 16-18
- In Rehoboam's failure, what was the problem with *where* he got his advice (v. 8)? Do you think this was simply about age? Why or why not?
- Read Proverbs 13:20. In what ways have you seen your friends affect your choices (good or bad) [even as an adult!]?
- Read Proverbs 1:10-19. Solomon explains that, realize it or not, our friends flavor & influence our view of right & wrong. How have you seen this subtle influence at work in the world around you?
- Read 2 Corinthians 6:14—7:1. What is Paul clearly saying in this passage? How does this mesh with reaching those who don't yet follow Christ—are we not to be friends??? What is the issue here?
- The Bible has a lot to say about our main "influencer" friends. Be honest, what excuses have you made about the wrong friends in your life?
- Is there a friendship that is drawing you away from Jesus, that you need to filter out? This is never easy, but it's so important. Partner those who share, with others to pray for each other throughout this week.

The References

Main Passage: **1 Kings 12:1-20 (NLT)** *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...But Rehoboam rejected the advice of the older men and instead asked the opinion of the young men who had grown up with him and were now his advisers...

Proverbs 13:20 (NIV)

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

Proverbs 1:10-19 (NIV) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

My son, if sinful men entice you, do not give in to them. If they say, "Come along with us; let's lie in wait for innocent blood, let's ambush some harmless soul; let's swallow them alive, like the grave, and whole, like those who go down to the pit; we will get all sorts of valuable things and fill our houses with plunder; cast lots with us; we will all share the loot"...

2 Corinthians 6:14—7:1 (NLT) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever? And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God...

