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"THE FRIEND FENCE"

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FENCES IN OUR FRIENDSHIPS PROTECT US FROM BEING MISDIRECTED

The Repeats (required)

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 week.
- 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

- Have you ever gotten really lost? How did it happen? How did it feel?

The Reflection (required)

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

- Before we get into this week's main passage, let's look at wisdom. How have you seen wisdom explained or portrayed (good or bad)?
- **Read Proverbs 9:10.** According to Solomon, what is wisdom?
- **Read Proverbs 13:20.** What does this verse say about *proximity*—simply being with someone who is wise or foolish? How does this raise the stakes beyond just being wise or foolish?
- What do you gain from having friends who are wise?
- What do you risk from having friends who are foolish?
- It's easy to look at choosing friends as something for children, but there are people in all areas of our life that influence us. We need to be careful to build fences that allow the *right* people in those places. Discuss these verses & questions about friends that we need to avoid:
 - *That Can't Hear the Hard Things* **Read Proverbs 18:24**
 - What does this mean? What does this look like?
 - *That Won't Say the Hard Things* **Read Hebrews 10:24**
 - What are some ways that our friends should spur us on?
 - *That Don't Do the Hard Things* **Read Psalm 1:1-2; 2 Cor. 6:14-15**
 - Looking back at Solomon's definition of wisdom, what is the most important thing that our influencing friends need to do?
- As you consider this description of a wise friend, do your influencing friends measure up? Is there a person that you need to gently "demote" from an influencing role in your life?
- Pray for everyone who shares, because this is a hard choice.

The References

Main Passage: Proverbs 13:20 (NLT)

Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.

Proverbs 9:10 (NIRV)

If you really want to become wise, you must begin by having respect for the Lord. To know the Holy One is to gain understanding.

Proverbs 18:24 (NLT)

There are "friends" who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother.

Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds

Psalms 1:1-2 (NIV)

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.

2 Corinthians 6:14-15 (NIV)

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?