

Friendology – Week 3 Community Group Discussion Guide

Theme: Find Where the Nathans Hang Out

Key Scripture: Proverbs 13:20 — *“Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.”*

Intro

We all long to belong. God designed us for community, and both Scripture and modern research affirm that the people we walk with shape the people we become. Solomon wrote, *“Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm”* (Proverbs 13:20). Science now echoes this truth: our proximity to others directly influences our choices, habits, and even our long-term well-being.

David’s greatest failure came when he isolated himself and stayed behind in Jerusalem instead of being with his men (2 Samuel 11:1). Imagine how different his story might have been if he had spent more evenings with Nathan. Healthy friendships don’t just happen — they’re created when we intentionally place ourselves in environments like groups and serving teams where wise, godly friendships can grow.

Discussion Questions

1. **Wisdom or Harm** — Read Proverbs 13:20. In your life right now, are the people you spend the most time with helping you become wiser or pulling you toward harm? How do you know?
2. **Location + Company = Destiny** — Read 2 Samuel 11:1. Where you “stay” or who you “walk with” often determines your direction. Can you think of a time when your environment shaped your choices — either for the better or worse?
3. **Finding a Nathan** — Who in your life has permission to ask you the tough questions (Proverbs 27:6)? How did they earn that role? If you don’t have someone like that right now, where might you go to find a Nathan?
4. **Being a Friend** — Read Proverbs 17:17 and Proverbs 18:24. What kind of friend are you to others? In what ways can you be the friend that the friend you are looking for is looking for?

5. **Practical Next Steps** — Our church provides two main environments for finding wise friends: **Community Groups** and **Strategic Service teams**. Which of these do you feel God nudging you toward? What might be your first step this week?
 6. **Becoming** — We often ask, “What do I want to do with my life?” A better question is, “Who do I want to become?” How might joining a group or a team shape who you are becoming in this next season?
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Outro

God never intended for you to navigate life alone. The truth is, you can’t become all that He created you to be without the right people around you. This week, take a bold step toward walking with the wise. Sign up for a group, join a serving team, or invite someone into your life. Remember: the friendships you cultivate today will determine the quality and direction of your life tomorrow.