



WEEK 2 LEADER PREP

- Share how those you have picked to be “friends” have made an impact in your personal life. *Both Negative & Positive ways. This is a great way to build honest talks with your group.
- Take time to look over the 3 passages in the box below. We will be spending time in Proverbs 13:20 but emphasize the fact that wisdom comes first from “fearing God” - Proverbs 9:10. Students may have questions about fearing God. If so, keep this in mind. We don’t have a reason to fear God as followers of Jesus. We have his promise that He will never leave us or forsake us (Heb 13:5) and nothing can separate us from His love. (Romans 8:38-39). Fearing God means having such reverence for Him that it has great impact on the way we live our lives. The fear of God is respecting Him, obeying Him, trusting Him, submitting to His discipline, and worshiping Him in awe.

WEEK 2 OVERVIEW

THE MAIN POINT

Your friends can either make you or break you.

THE BIBLE

Romans 10:9
Proverbs 13:20
Proverbs 9:10

DISCUSSION GUIDE

*This guide is a suggestion. Adjust the questions and activities as needed to fit your group.
Don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here.
Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.*

GET THEM TALKING

1. Who are some top influencers right now in culture?
2. What are the key steps for someone to be an influencer?

READ Proverbs 13:20 and answer the following questions:

3. How have you seen this play out in your life?
4. On a scale of 1-10 (1 being none to 10 being extreme)... do your friends really have that big of an impact on your life?

READ 1 Corinthians 15:22 and answer the following questions:

5. Put this verse in your own words. What is this passage saying?
6. Do you believe this message? Why or why not?

READ Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 and answer the following questions:

7. What are the differences between the 1 Corinthians passage and Ecclesiastes 4:10?
8. Who is around you that helps you? List someone by name and share how they are there for you?

NEXT STEP

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." – James 1:22

This week, look for ways to encourage those around you. How can you support and encourage each other this week? Take 5 minutes and brainstorm as a group how you can lead the charge to let each other know you are for them this week.

Use tonight as a launch pad to build trust with each other. No one cares what you know until they know that you care.

PRAYER GUIDE

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for our small group. I pray that we will be bold in our friendships. I pray that you will use each one of us to lift your love up to those we come in contact with. Help us look to you for what it looks like to be a friend. I pray for any relationships or individuals that need healing and that you will heal what is broken. Use our group to be a reminder of the love you have for everyone. Thank you Jesus!

Amen.