

WEEK 2
LESSON OUTLINE



BIG IDEA

Your friends can help your faith grow.

BIBLE

Luke 5:1–11; Proverbs 13:20;
Psalm 145:8–9

ABOUT THIS WEEK

This week, we'll hear a story of when Jesus started building his dream team by inviting his first followers to join him. Jesus' invitation changed the lives of these men and helped them grow closer to God, a reminder of how **your friends can help your faith grow**.

WHAT?

God designed us to live in relationships that honor Him. In Luke 5:1–11, Jesus called Simon (later Peter) into a relationship that transformed him, showing us that godly relationships help us grow in faith. Similarly, Proverbs 13:20 reminds us that who we spend time with influences who we become. Godly relationships provide encouragement, accountability, and a reflection of Christ's love.

SO WHAT?

- Godly relationships help us experience and extend Jesus' love. They are vital for our spiritual growth and help us navigate challenges with grace and support.
- Like Simon, we don't have to be perfect to receive or give godly love; we just need to trust Jesus and allow Him to shape our relationships.
- Friendships built on Jesus encourage us to live in ways that honor God and reflect His love to others, drawing us closer to Him.

Questions for Reflection:

- How have your relationships impacted your walk with God—positively or negatively?
- Are there people in your life who help you grow closer to Jesus?

1. **Choose God-Centered Friendships:**
 - Spend time with people who encourage your faith and lovingly challenge you to grow.
 - Reflect on your current friendships—are there ones you need to invest in more deeply or seek wisdom in repairing?
2. **Be a Christlike Friend:**
 - Model Jesus' love in your relationships by being patient, kind, and encouraging.
 - Look for opportunities to support your friends when they're struggling and point them to God's truth.
3. **Grow Closer to Jesus:**
 - Commit to spending time in prayer and Scripture, asking God to guide your relationships and help you grow.
 - Let God shape you into the kind of friend who reflects His love to others.

Challenge:

This week, reach out to one person who has positively influenced your faith to thank them. Then, intentionally encourage someone else in their walk with God.