



- Wisdom is not merely something we learn; Wisdom is **someone we follow**.
24 But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. 1 Corinthians 1:24

The wisdom from us allows others to see **Jesus in us**.
13 Are there those among you who are truly wise and understanding? Then they should show it by living right and doing good things with a gentleness that comes from wisdom. James 3:13

- Wisdom from us displays godly **character** in us.

Why we need wisdom to be a friend:

- Wisdom enables us to **love** consistently.
A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity. Proverbs 17:17
Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13
9 We love because God first loved us. 1 John 4:19

Actions Steps:

Reach out to someone going through a difficult time.

Spend time being still before God and **receiving** His **love** for you.

- Wisdom enables us to be **loyal**.
Friends come and friends go, but a true friend sticks by you like family. Proverbs 18:24
A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need. Proverbs 17:17
Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends. Proverbs 17:9

Action Steps:

Practice **forgiveness** quickly.

Defend your friends when they're not **present**.

- Wisdom enables us to use our words to **encourage**.
Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice.. Proverbs 27:9

So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind. I know you're already doing this; just keep on doing it. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Action Steps:

Send three **encouraging messages** this week.

Ask God to give you **eyes to see** the people around you who are running on empty.

- Wisdom enables us to be **dependable**.

Many will say they are loyal friends, but who can find one who is truly reliable? Proverbs 20:6

Reliable friends who do what they say are like cool drinks in sweltering heat—refreshing!" Proverbs 25:13

Action Steps:

Ask someone you trust: **Am I dependable?**

Ask yourself this question: **"Who is depending on me today?"**

A new command I give you: **Love one another. As I have loved you**, so you must love one another.
John 13:34-35



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- Paul says that Christ is the wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:24). What does it mean that wisdom is not merely something we learn, but Someone we follow? How does that change the way you think about growing in wisdom?
- James says that wisdom is seen by the way we live (James 3:13). If someone only watched your actions this past week, what would they learn about your relationship with Jesus?
- Proverbs says, "A friend loves at all times." Why do you think it's often easier to love people when life is going well than when life becomes difficult? How can we love more consistently?
- Think about someone who has demonstrated loyal friendship in your life. What made their loyalty so meaningful, and how can you show that same kind of loyalty to someone else?
- Proverbs 17:9 teaches that forgiveness strengthens friendships, while dwelling on an offense separates them. Why is forgiveness so difficult, and what practical step can you take toward forgiveness this week?
- How do gossip, criticism, or negative conversations quietly damage friendships? What can we do to protect our friends' reputations when they aren't present?
- Proverbs 27:9 says that heartfelt encouragement brings joy. Can you remember a time when someone's words gave you hope or strength? What made those words so powerful?
- Proverbs says that reliable friends are refreshing. What qualities make someone dependable? In what area of your life do you want to become more dependable?
- Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you." Which quality of friendship—love, loyalty, encouragement, or dependability—comes most naturally to you? Which one challenges you the most, and why?
- Looking back over the Talk, what is one specific action step you believe God is calling you to take this week? How can this group pray for and encourage you as you follow through?

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