



- Wisdom is living life on purpose, not on **autopilot**.

15 So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Ephesians 5:15

- When pleasing God becomes the **passion** of our heart, obedience becomes the **pattern** of our life.

The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again. Proverbs 24:16

The wisdom we need to be a true friend:

- A true friend is committed to telling the **truth** others need to hear, not what they want to hear.

Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy. Proverbs 27:6

...we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ. Ephesians 4:15

Action Step:

Practice truth with **tenderness**.

- A true friend is committed to making others **stronger** not just better.

As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend. Proverbs 27:17

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. Hebrews 10:24

Action Step:

Encourage someone to join you in taking a **step toward Jesus**.

- A true friend can be **trusted** with what is most important to others.

A gossip goes around telling secrets, but those who are trustworthy can keep a confidence. Proverbs 11:13

A perverse person stirs up conflict, and a gossip separates close friends. Proverbs 16:28

Action Step:

- Become a **vault**, not a funnel.

- A true friend is committed to **listening** to others not trying to **fix** others.

Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish. Proverbs 18:13

...You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. James 1:19

Action Step:

- Learn the ministry of **presence**.

22 But the Spirit produces the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. There is no law that says these things are wrong. Galatians 5:22-23

Notes:

VISION:

**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.
- What does it look like to live intentionally instead of on "autopilot" in your relationship with God?
- When have you experienced God's grace helping you get back up after a setback? (Proverbs 24:16)
- Why is it sometimes difficult to tell a friend the truth they need to hear?
- How can we speak truth with both courage and compassion?
- Who has helped make you stronger in your walk with Jesus, and how did they do it?
- How can you intentionally help someone else take their next step toward Jesus this week?
- Why is trust so essential in healthy friendships?
- What are some practical ways we can become "a vault, not a funnel" with other people's personal struggles?
- Why do we often try to fix people instead of simply listening to them?
- Which quality of a true friend challenged you the most today, and what is one step you will take to grow in it this week?

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