

CONNECTING

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MESSAGE RECAP

This week we talked about the foundational habit of connecting, emphasizing the biblical wisdom of walking with the wise. Our future can be largely determined by friendships. And if we're intentional to develop Godly friendships, it has the potential to help us grow as we walk with God.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read [Proverbs 13:20](#). How have you seen the effect of friendships affect wise and foolish decisions in your life?
2. Talk about the 5 friends you listed during the sermon. Was it tough to write down 5?
3. We talked about this concept – that you are the average of your 5 closest friends. How does this idea resonate with you in different areas of your life?
4. Read [Proverbs 17:17](#). How do your friendships align with the biblical definition of a friend, as mentioned in in Proverbs? How can you deepen the quality of your friendships?
5. Reflect on the three reasons mentioned in the sermon for the decline in friendships: increasing work hours, rising divorce rates, and the explosion of social media. How do these factors impact your relationships?
6. Consider the importance of being transparent and sharing openly in friendships. Are there areas of your life where you can be more transparent with your close friends?
7. Read [James 5:16](#) and reflect on the idea of confessing sins to each other for healing. How comfortable are you with being vulnerable and sharing your struggles with trusted friends?
8. Jonathon said, “You show me your friends, and I’ll show you your future.” Does your future give you hope or is there something you want to do more intentionally now?

PRAY