



### **SMALL GROUP GUIDE**

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Unlearned Wisdom: "Walk with the Wise" Scripture Focus: Proverbs 13:20

### **ICEBREAKER**

Who is someone in your life you consider wise, and how has their influence positively impacted you?

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### INTRODUCTION

What stands out to you from Pastor David's message?

Proverbs 13:20 reminds us of the profound impact of our relationships: "Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm." The company we keep shapes not only our decisions but also our character. This study challenges us to evaluate our circles, align ourselves with God's wisdom, and surround ourselves with people who will encourage our spiritual growth.

# **INTO THE WORD**

Read Proverbs 13:20 and Proverbs 27:17. These verses emphasize the importance of wise companions. What kind of hurt might someone who is walking with the unwise person suffer? How do wise relationships sharpen and strengthen us in our walk with God?

Read Proverbs 1:7 and Proverbs 9:10. Wisdom begins with a fear of the Lord and knowledge of Him. How does reverence/respect for God set the foundation for walking in wisdom?

Read Proverbs 11:2 and Proverbs 12:15. As David said, humility and teachability are marks of wisdom. How can we cultivate these qualities in ourselves and encourage them in others?

Read Proverbs 22:24 Proverbs 10:19. Many people are driven by impulses, rather than self-control. What's one suggestion you would have for a person who wants to be more self-controlled?

## **APPLICATION**

**Consider Your Circle**: Reflect on the people you spend the most time with.

- 1. Are they wise individuals who encourage you in your faith and growth?
- 2. What adjustments might God be calling you to make in your relationships?



Be Wise and Teachable: Proverbs describes the fool, the simple, and the wise.

- 1. Have you ever been in the foolish or simple category? What was that like for you?
- 2. What steps can you take to practice wisdom and invite wise counsel into your life?

Be a Positive Influence: Consider how you can be a source of wisdom to others in your life.

1. How does our Essential, "Seek God Daily" fit into the idea of living wisely?

## PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of wisdom and for placing wise individuals in our lives to guide us. Help us to walk with those who fear You, practice humility, and live with self-control. Teach us to be wise and teachable, so we can reflect Your character and sharpen others in their faith. Give us discernment to evaluate our relationships and courage to make changes that align us with Your will. In Jesus' name, Amen.