

# **WEEK 4 | LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

### CONNECT

 What habit, hobby, or fashion (good, bad, funny, or strange) have you picked up at different times in your life after hanging around a certain person or group of people?

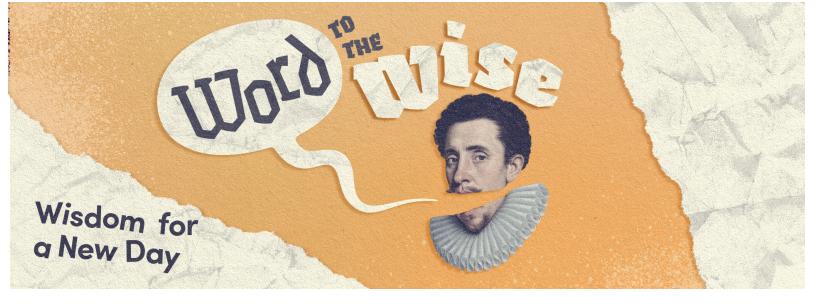
### **CONSIDER**

What encouraged or challenged you from the sermon and/or daily devotions this week?

### **CHRIST**

Read Proverbs 13:20, 22:24–25, and 27:6, 9, 14, 17 as a group.

- There is one truth that we cannot avoid regarding wisdom. You cannot be wise if you walk
  with fools. The people surrounding you will either help you or harm you. From the above
  passages, what are the positive and negative impacts of friendships? Write down all of
  your group's answers.
  - With the words/phrases you wrote down in mind, how have you experienced the positive and negative impacts of friendships in your own life?
- In Proverbs 13:20, two phrases are used concerning relationships: walks with and companion. How do these phrases provide clarity to each of these relationships? How would you define a friendship that would be considered walking with the wise?
- From Proverbs 27:6, what is the difference between the wounds of a friend and the kisses of an enemy? Share a story on how a friend has helped you grow in your faith (Proverbs 27:17).
- Sometimes a serious warning can only be expressed with a little bit of humor, and that is
  exactly what Proverbs 27:14 does. We are all guilty of being a superficial and selfish friend.
  In your own words, what makes a good friend? How are you living this out in your own
  friendships? Would others consider you to be a wise friend to walk with?



# Read Proverbs 18:24 and Proverbs 17:17 as a group.

- Back to back, these are two powerful passages on the importance of choosing our friendships wisely. What is the difference between a friend and an acquaintance? How does adversity reveal true friends? How have you seen or experienced this in your own life?
- Friendships do not deepen on their own. It takes intentionality. What friendships in your life do you need to develop? What is your next step to take?

### **CALLING**

- Pursuing wisdom is not just about gaining it. It is also about walking with the wise through godly friendship. What needs to change if you're going to walk with the wise? Is there someone that you should be intentional about spending more time with? Less time?
- To continue having the Best Summer Ever, check out these suggested resources at mynorthside.com/bestsummerever.
- **Daily Devotions:** Spend 15 minutes each day with Northside devotions. Text JOINGOD to 81411 or use the Study tab in Northside's App for Daily Devotions.
- **Memorize**: "Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm." Proverbs 13:20
- **Further Study:** Wisdom reading plan (Proverbs & Ecclesiastes) from the *Best Summer Ever* resources.