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Finding Good Friends

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→ walk with the wise - **Proverbs 13:20, 14:8**

#2 The wise _____ where their path leads.

→ choose carefully - **Proverbs 2:4, 12:26**

#3 You can _____ someone without _____ them.

→ what kind of a friend are you?

→ the foolishness of God - **1 Corinthians 1:23,25**

#4 Good friends _____ together.

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1. How would you define a "close friend?" How many of them do you have?
2. Agree or disagree: Forming meaningful relationships is more difficult today than it used to be.
3. **Read Proverbs 13:20.** How does this verse communicate the difference your friends will make?
4. Share a time when your life was impacted for better or worse due to the wisdom or foolishness of a friend.
5. "You can love someone without walking with them." Is there a relationship from your past or present where you had to put this into practice? What did you learn?
6. Who are some wise people in your life that you turn to for advice? How did they get their wisdom?
7. This group's purpose is to follow Jesus together. Share a way in which this group has helped you follow Jesus even closer.

Do you have any suggestions for ways we can do this better?

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Bible Readings for Today

Proverbs 14

- ⁷ Stay away from a fool,
for you will not find knowledge on their lips.
- ⁸ The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways,
but the folly of fools is deception.

Proverbs 13

- ²⁰ Walk with the wise and become wise,
for a companion of fools suffers harm.
- ²¹ Trouble pursues the sinner,
but the righteous are rewarded with good things.

Proverbs 19

- ² Desire without knowledge is not good—
how much more will hasty feet miss the way!