

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction (Psalm 1)

Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.” (1 Corinthians 15:33)

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips: meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. (Joshua 1:8)

More Scripture

1 Peter 2:2

ICE BREAKER

What are a couple of the qualities you look for in a friend?

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- What was one (or two things) that stood out to you during this past Sunday nights message? (*Godly Friendships and Importance of The Word*)
- **Read Psalm 1.** According to scripture, what are the two separate ‘paths’? What does the blessed person NOT do?
- A study at Harvard Business school found that you are the average of your 5 closest friends. How does that make you feel given your current circle of friends?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 15:33.** What does this scripture warn us against? What have been your experiences with ‘bad company’? (*LG Leader: Tell of a time when you didn’t have a good circle of friends and what the consequences were from having them as your friends.*)

Start sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

- According to Psalm 1, a blessed (happy) person is someone who has the right friends AND delights and meditates in the law of the Lord (The Bible). That means spending time in God’s Word daily. Are you currently reading your bible daily? If so, BRIEFLY share what God has been showing you through His Word.
- **Read Joshua 1:8:** According to this verse, what are the benefits of meditating (reading and thinking) on the Bible in this verse? (*LG Leader: Use this as an opportunity to share about how reading your Bible has positively impacted your life.*)
- Friendships are critical. Would you say that you currently are on the right ‘path’ as it pertains to your friendship? If not, what challenges are you encountering right now?
- *LG Leader: talk about how much you appreciate everyone coming to your life group tonight. Tell them that this is a HUGE step in forming those ‘Godly friendships’, even if it’s their first time. Maybe ask someone to share about how this life group has helped to keep them on the right ‘path’.*

Start praying. Be bold, and pray with power.

BREAK OUT QUESTIONS

- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message?
- Do you currently have those ‘Godly Friends’ in your life that help to keep you on the right path? If so, who are they? If not, why not?
- After knowing what you learned tonight, what needs to change in your life?
- How can we pray for you today?