

# Life Group Discussion Guide

*PROXIMITY*

Proverbs 13:20

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## INTRODUCTION

God advises his people to bond with those who will inspire good behaviors and characteristics as we tend to take on the attributes of the people with whom we bond. "Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?" (Amos 3:3 NKJV)

As children we heard, "You are judged by the company you keep." As Christians we must align ourselves with people who will encourage Godly behaviors. "Make no friendship with an angry man and with a furious man do not go, lest you learn his ways and set a snare for your soul." (Proverbs 22:24-25 NKJV)

## DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Talk about a time when you saw someone suffer because of his or her relationships. What happened?
2. Who is someone in your life who has stood by you in good times and bad?

## EVALUATE IT

1. Read Proverbs 13:20. Who is a person in your life whose wisdom you rely on? In what ways have you seen his or her wisdom rub off on you over time?
2. Stuart quoted Andy Stanley as saying, "Judgmental is when I draw a harsh conclusion about you. Good judgment is when I draw conclusions about myself based on wisdom." To what extent has not wanting to be judgmental drawn you into unhealthy relationships in the past? How do Andy's definitions of judgmental and good judgment change your perspective?
3. Stuart said, "Friends can be dangerous. And danger requires guardrails. You need to establish a standard that informs your conscience." In what area of your life do you need to establish a standard? What first step could you take in establishing that standard?
4. Guardrails are nearly everywhere, especially here in KY with all of the curvy roads and hillsides. Why are guardrails so difficult to install in our lives? Where does the challenge lie?

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Do you have a relationship that could benefit from guardrails? What can you do to begin to establish guardrails? What obstacles will you have to overcome? How can this group support you?
2. Friends influence the direction and quality of your life. Is your core group moving in the direction you want your life to move? Can you be yourself with that core group or do you have to pretend you are someone you're not? Do you often feel pressure to compromise? If so, it's time to establish some relational guardrails.



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