



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

CREW | WEEK 1

BOTTOM LINE

YOUR FRIENDS CAN MAKE YOU OR BREAK YOU.

SCRIPTURE

The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray (Proverbs 12:26 NIV).

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm (Proverbs 13:20 NIV).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To encourage students to use wisdom when it comes to choosing their closest friends.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders — before you start this week's conversation with your students, remind them to talk about others the way that they would want others to talk about them. Encourage them that if they want or need to talk about a specific friend, they should do that outside of group.

SAY THIS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How did you become friends with your closest friends?
2. Do you think that your friends have the potential to influence your decisions? Why or why not?
3. Solomon said, "Walk with the wise and become wise." How have your friends influenced you positively?
4. Solomon also said, "A companion of fools suffers harm." How is it possible for someone to be a good friend and a bad influence at the same time?
5. What are some signs that someone is not making wise decisions in their life? What are some signs that they are?
6. How do you know when a friend has your best interest in mind?
7. What are the top three characteristics of people you want in your crew?

TRY THIS

Leaders, at some point this week, get in touch with your students and remind them of this week's bottom line: **Your friends can make you or break you.**