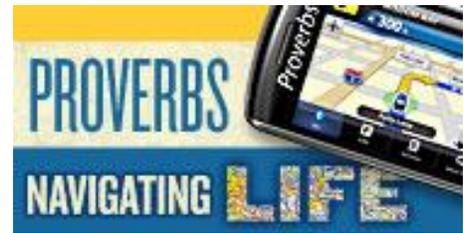


## Growth Group Questions

"Who to Run To, Who to Run From"

2nd in our Proverb series: *Navigating Life*

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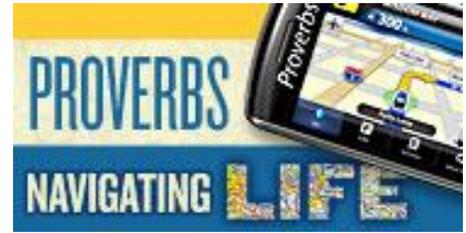
1. Think about someone currently, or in the past who has been a good friend to you. Share what made them such a good friend.
2. We hope you've been digging into Solomon's Proverbs each day this past week. Share with your group a particular Proverb and insight you've gained in your reading this past week, Proverbs 13-20.
3. Explore the deep friendship between Jonathon (King Saul's son) and young soon-to-be King, David, in 1 Samuel 20, especially verses 34-42. Talk about some of the qualities of that friendship. What Proverbs do we see in these relationship?
4. Considering some of God's Proverbs about friendship/companionships:
  - a. Where have you been a good friend?
  - b. What areas do you need to grow in being a better friend?
5. Jesus was a friend of sinners, Matthew 11.19. How do we work out what Proverbs tells us about who to run to, who to run from, and our relationships which are intentional about sharing Jesus with non-believers?
6. Sometimes our relationships go through "*friendshifts*". What are some good, and some not so good causes/circumstances/reasons for *friendshifts*? Is there a relationship I'm in that is influencing me more than I am being an influencer that I need to shift? Is there a friendship that is shifting in which I need to have an honest conversation to help bring clarity and understanding?

Read a chapter of Proverbs each day, corresponding to the day's date. Or listen to a chapter of Proverbs each day at <http://feeds2.feedburner.com/dailyaudioproverb>. "The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple." Psalm 119.13

Growth Group Leaders and hosts: each Sunday in church we'd like to have a different person share a one minute insight God has given them in their daily Proverbs reading. Would you call or e-mail Mary ([staff@paseodelrey.org](mailto:staff@paseodelrey.org)) the day following your study with the name of someone who had a neat insight and may be willing to share the following Sunday?

## Message Notes

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### A. Some Big Principles about Friendships

1. Friendship is rooted in God.
2. Run to good friends, flee from foolish friends.

Proverbs 13.20, I Corinthians 15.33, Haggai 2.10-14

It's easier to fall into trouble, than to fall into good stuff!

3. Grow in being a good friend.

Proverbs 17.17

4. Mix it up with non-believers, but don't let them mix you up.

Matthew 5.13

### B. Who to Run From

1. Hot Heads Proverbs 22.24-25, 15.18
2. Mean-Spirited people Proverbs 16.27-29
3. BBBBFF Proverbs 25.17
4. Self-important, entitled people Proverbs 17.5

### C. Who to Run To

1. People who welcome correction Proverbs 10.17
2. Graceful people Proverbs 17.9
3. Secure-hearted people Proverbs 12.16
4. Lovingly-honest people Proverbs 27.6
5. Jesus Proverbs 18.24, John 15.12-15