

## Small Group Questions | January 14th<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Kingdom Wisdom – Friendship (Proverbs 17:9-17, 25:17-20, 27:5-11, 17)

**Sermon Recap:** Travis said a friend sharpens your skills for skilled living by speaking the truth with skill. They do this by using discretion, discernment, allowing time, with awareness, and determination. The book of Proverbs asks us to consider who are our friends and are they sharpening our skill. At last, it asks us to consider whether we are true friends to those in our lives, for the glory of God.

**Hook:** *These questions can help encourage conversation.*

1. How does the world define 'friend' or 'friendship?'
2. What is one of the hardest truths that a friend has told you?

**Look:** *Read the sermon passage. Answer the following textual questions.*

3. Why are we encouraged to use discretion according to Pr 17:9,14; 26:20?
4. How would you discern something necessary to speak into? How would you discern who you are talking to?
5. Proverbs asks that we discern whether our audience wise or foolish. What makes an audience foolish or wise?

**Took:** *Applying the message to our lives.*

6. What relationships in your need more investment in time or determination?
7. Where have you not been receiving truth with skill? Where can begin giving truth with skill?
8. Travis quotes Tim Keller in saying "The power of the gospel comes in two movements. It first says, "I am more sinful and flawed than I ever dared believe," but then quickly follows with, "I am more accepted and loved than I ever dared hope. How does this statement speak to the receptivity of wisdom in our lives?"

**Prayer/Verse:** Better is open rebuke than hidden love.

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:5,17