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Week 3: I will seek Wisdom

CCV Groups Discussion Guide

OPENING QUESTION:

Where do you typically seek advice for things like movie/show recommendations, car/home repairs, good restaurants, finances or relationship questions? Do you ask real people or just google it?

GROUPS VIDEO GUIDE

READ:

[Acts 9:17–18](#); [Acts 9:26–28](#); [Acts 11:25–26](#); [Acts 13:1–4](#)

DISCUSS:

- Steven Covey says, “You become like the five people you spend the most time with.” How have you found this to be true?
- In the above account of Saul’s life, who did Saul rely on for wisdom? Who do you have in your life who plays the same role as Saul’s friends?
- We all need three people in our lives—A **Paul** to mentor us, a **Timothy** to be mentored by us, and a **Barnabas** to walk with us. Can you share one of these you have in your life and perhaps one you need to add to your life?
- What are some helpful tips for adding a Paul, Timothy, or Barnabas to your life? (Coach – Listen for blaming instead of taking responsibility.)
- Make plans to develop a personal board of directors. Who would you call on to join the board in each of the following areas: Finances, relationships, decisions, life-balance? What kinds of questions do they need to ask in each area?

PRAYER:

Divide your prayer time into two parts. The first part, thank God for the Paul, Timothy, and Barnabas in your life. Pray for their good. The second part, ask God to add to your life a Paul, Timothy, or Barnabas that you may need.

SCRIPTURES:

Proverbs 13:20, “Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of the fools will suffer harm.”

Hebrew 10:24–25, “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

1 John 4:7, “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.”

1 Corinthians 15:33, “Do not be deceived: ‘Bad company ruins good morals.’”

Proverbs 22:24–25, “Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man, lest you learn his ways and entangle yourself in a snare.”

Proverb 17:17, “A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.”

Proverbs 27:17, “Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.”

John 15:13, “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”

Proverbs 27:9, “Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel.”

1 Peter 4:8–10, “Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.”