

# CHOICES

SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

## PROVERBS 14:16

### CHOOSE TO WALK WISELY

*Before diving into the discussion, spend some time hanging out and catching up with your group. Focus on their personal lives and casually talk about what's going on in their world!*

**Goal of Small Group:** Help students understand that they can make the choice to turn away from evil. Make it clear why it's important to pay attention to Scripture, focus on promptings from the Holy Spirit, and be watchful of what's in front of them. Guide discussion towards practical ways students can avoid temptation and, instead, choose to walk in the path of righteousness.

### DISCUSS

1. What does it mean to be "cautious"? (**Proverbs 14:16**)

- Why do you think society associates cautiousness with fear? How can this be incorrect?
- What is the difference between cautiousness and carelessness?

2. Give an example of a time in your life when you weren't paying attention to what was truly important and you made a careless decision.

- How do you mostly identify with the Prodigal Son, Samson, and Lot's wife?
- What did you learn from this time in your life?
- How could you have reacted to this situation using wisdom and caution?

### Read Matthew 26:41

3. What is this passage telling us to be watchful or careful of?

- In what ways do you think your flesh is weak?
- What does it mean that "the spirit is willing?"

### Read Matthew 18:8

4. Why would Jesus tell us to cut off our body parts if they are causing us to sin?

- What point do you think he means to prove by drawing this comparison?
- How does this verse show you that Jesus is serious about the weight of our sins?
- What sin in your life do you think you need to pay attention to and cut off?

### Read Luke 6:46-49

5. Why did the first house survive the flood but the second one did not?

- Recognizing that this is one of Jesus' parables, how do you think he means for US to have a "house" that is well-built?
- What might the "flood" in this parable represent in your own life?
- What are some choices you can make to ensure that your foundation is laid on rock?

### CHALLENGE/APPLICATION ...

- How will you pray differently after tonight's message? What specifically will you pray about?
- What passage/verse will you rely on or memorize to help you make cautious and wise choices?
- What is one action step you will take right away to turn away from evil?

**Take time to pray for one another.**



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