



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

CREW | WEEK 2



BOTTOM LINE

PAY ATTENTION TO WHO YOU LISTEN TO.

SCRIPTURE

The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice (Proverbs 12:15 NIV).

To learn, you must love discipline; it is stupid to hate correction (Proverbs 12:1 NLT).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To encourage students to humble themselves and allow older people to speak wisdom into their lives.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders — you're always going to feel *the* pull to be the older, wiser person in your students' lives. But part of setting them up for a healthy future is introducing them to a wider circle. Be okay with them going to other adults to seek wisdom as they make life decisions.

SAY THIS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In what ways are your friends *limited* when it comes to the wisdom they can offer you for your big decisions?
2. Why is it easier to ask your friends for advice than it is to ask older, wiser people?
3. Why are we more likely to trust our own decision-making than getting guidance from others?
4. In what areas do older, wiser people know *more* than you? What's the value of talking to them?
5. Define what a *mentor* does.
6. Name an area or two where the input of a wise, older person could really benefit your life (It doesn't have to be an area where you're failing—just an area where you want some perspective).
7. What is keeping you from involving a wise person in your decision-making?
8. Who is one person in your life that you could learn from?

TRY THIS

Leaders, before your students leave group, have each of them write on a notecard one or two questions that they'd love to ask an older, wiser person. Then, encourage your students to identify one older person they can talk to. Challenge them to text that person right now and say, "Hey, I'd love to talk sometime this week. I have some questions about life I'd love to ask you."