

Discipleship Group Weekly Resources
Week 5 Passage: "Speak Up!" Proverbs 27:5-6

Big Thought:

We started this study by looking at Proverbs 1 and in it we see the word wisdom or in Hebrew, Khohkmah. This theme of wisdom is throughout Proverbs but here in Proverbs 27:5-6 we are given a way to put this into action. We are given a way to use the wisdom or "Khohkmah" with our friends/brothers. We are called to speak up. We are called to love. In these verses we are told to put both into action. We are called to speak to our friends/brothers what they NEED to hear, not what they WANT to hear. What they WANT to hear can give meaningless hope and lead someone away from God. What they NEED can give purpose, meaning, and the wisdom described in the word "Khohkmah".

Questions for Discussion:

1. In a time where words divide or break someone down more than lift up, how do we speak words of rebuke that lift our friends/brothers up and not divide or break them down?
2. Chapter 27 has a theme of righteous leadership, how we lead others by allowing God's words to lead us?
3. How do we model this on a day in day out basis?

Additional Verses to consider (ESV)

1. Proverbs 17:17 - A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.
2. Proverbs 18:24 - A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.
3. Ecclesiastes 7:5 -It is better for a man to hear the rebuke of the wise than to hear the song of fools.
4. Matthew 18:15 - "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.
5. Ephesians 4:14 - Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.
6. James 4:11 - Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.