

Week 5:

Building a Strong Inner Circle



Questions

1. What illustration, story or scripture had the greatest impact on you this week?
2. Read Proverbs 13:20. How has God worked to bring wise people into your life? How have you responded—by building a strong inner circle, or by associating with “fools”?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:33. How have you seen evil company corrupt good character in your own life?
4. Jonathan was put in a tough situation between his father Saul and his friend David. How can God help you navigate difficult relational situations between the people closest to you?
5. Read 1 Samuel 23:16-17. When have you sacrificed for a friend or had a friend step up to sacrifice or protect you? How did that action impact your relationship? Who in your life do you need to encourage and what step can you take today to lift them up?
6. Many people struggle to make time for friendships in their busy lives. What needs to change in your life to make strengthening relationships and building your inner circle a priority?
7. Pastor Ron mentions several types of people that contribute to a healthy inner circle. Are you missing any type of friend in your inner circle? Who needs you in their inner circle?

Scripture References

Proverbs 13:20; 1 Corinthians 15:33; 1 Samuel 18:1-4; 1 Samuel 19:1-6; 1 Samuel 23:15; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Proverbs 18:24; John 15:13; Proverbs 27:17; Proverbs 17:17; Proverbs 13:20; Proverbs 27:6; 2 Samuel 23

Takeaways

Inner Circle Friends:

- Form a bond of godly love.
- Commit to each other over time.
- Give of themselves selflessly and sacrificially.
- Talk good about you behind your back.
- Protect you despite what it might cost them.
- Remind you of who YOU really are, who HE really is, and what the Real Story is.

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Your Inner Circle Should Include:

- Jesus in the driver's seat.
- A friend to wound you.
- A friend to heal you.
- A friend you can invest in.

Weekly Action Step

Make a list of your Inner Circle. Identify which person wounds you, which one heals you, and which one you can invest in.