

Growing Together Discussion Questions from Sunday's Sermon **Wisdom on Friends – Dec 9, 2012**

(For Personal Study, Review, Meditation and Mid-Week Group Discussion)

I. **Getting to Know You** (*Questions for Group Discussion*):

- a. As a kid, what did you want to grow up to be?
- b. Who was your best friend in high school, and where is he or she now?
- c. What photo(s) do you cherish from the past?

II. **Getting into the Bible:**

Points from Sunday's Message:

- a. **The righteous choose their friends carefully.** (Proverbs 12:26)
- b. **Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.**
(Proverbs 13:20)
- c. **The dearest friend on earth is a mere shadow compared to Jesus.**
(2 Timothy 4:16-18)

III. **Getting into Life:**

- a. A friend is someone you know well and regard with affection and trust. A friend is someone you like to spend time with.

Who are your friends?

- b. Friends often don't become friends with a purposeful decision or a conscious choice to be friends. Friends most often become friends over time, through shared experiences and united interests and desires.

Therefore the principle of *choosing friends wisely* requires (1) careful observations (2) and careful involvements (3) over a period of time to determine a person's character and their worthiness of being a friend.

What are some of the positive character qualities of the friends you have?

- c. Friends inevitably have an influence on one another (*a non-influential friendship is a fallacy*).

In what good ways have you been influenced by a friend?

- d. Jesus is the best friend ever! (John 15:13-17; Romans 5:6-8)

How is your current relationship with Him? Do you enjoy spending time with Him? What do you treasure most about the relationship?