

Hope Chapel Series: ***“Staying on the Path of Life” part 4***

Message Summary: Our country and world are very fractured. There is a “side” to every issue. There are a lot of toxic voices out there. How do you know who to listen to? The people we allow to have influence in our life makes all the difference in how we live. There are lots of different voices. Some speak truth, some do not. So how do we know who to listen to? Because if we are going to successfully stay on *the path of life*, we must be listening to the right people. God’s Word has so much to say on this issue and instructs us on the importance of surrounding ourselves with voices of truth.

Listen to Godly People

1. The right people will speak truth to us - 2 Samuel 12:1-14

A. A true friend is one that cares more about your character than your comfort - Proverbs 27:5-6

2. The right people will speak wisdom to us - Proverbs 24:6

- The wise friend can see through our excuses.
- The wise friend can see the truth even when we cannot.
- The wise friend can quickly set the error of our ways straight.

A. Surround yourself with wise people and you will grow wise - Proverbs 13:20

Proverbs 13:20 - *“Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.”* (NLT)

3. The right people will speak encouragement to us - Hebrews 10:23-25

A. Allow God to use you to be the right person for others – 1 Thessalonians 5:11

- ***“Be devoted to one another.”***
- ***“Honor one another.”***
- ***“Accept one another.”***
- ***“Spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”***
- ***“Pray for each other.”***
- ***“Love one another.”***

LifeGroup QUESTIONS: *All LifeGroups on Summer Break*
(LifeGroups begin Sept. 19th for Nine Weeks)

OPEN IT (5min) - Have you ever listened to the wrong person and been led down the wrong path? Describe.

EXPLORE IT (60min) – Review Sunday’s sermon outline and answer the following questions:

1. Read 2 Samuel 12:1-14. Do you have a “Nathan” in your life that will speak truth to you? How can you be a “Nathan” to someone in your life?
2. Discuss the importance of wisdom. How is it different from knowledge?
3. Describe an occasion when someone spoke or demonstrated wisdom to you. What affect did it have on your life?
4. Read Hebrews 10:23-25. Discuss the importance of encouraging one another. How has this been a help to you? How have you been an encourager to someone else?

APPLY IT (15min) - What did God reveal to you in the sermon or among your discussion group? How will you apply this new understanding to your life?