***Connect Series***

**Connecting with Your Friends**

Proverbs 12:26

**Proverbs 12:26 (ESV)**One who is righteous is a guide to his neighbor, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

1. **The Foundation of Your Friendships**

**Proverbs 12:26a (ESV)**One who is righteous is a guide to his neighbor …

**Psalm 119:63 (ESV)**I am a companion of all who fear You, of those who keep Your precepts.

**2 Corinthians 6:14 (ESV)**Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

**2 Corinthians 6:15 (ESV)**What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?

1. **The Selection of Your Friendships**

**Proverbs 12:26a (ESV)**One who is righteous is a guide to his neighbor …

**Proverbs 12:26 (NIV)**The righteous choose their friends carefully …

1. **The Direction of Your Friendships**

**Proverbs 12:26b (ESV)**… but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

***A good friend will see you through.***

**Proverbs 17:17 (ESV)**A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

***A good friend will straighten you out.***

**Proverbs 27:6 (ESV)**Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

**Proverbs 27:9 (ESV)**Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel.

***A good friend will sharpen you up.***

**Proverbs 27:17 (ESV)**Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

**Proverbs 18:24 (ESV)**A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

**John 15:13 (ESV)**Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

***Jesus is the friend who can transform you forever!***