

## PART ONE



### Series Summary

We'll be spending the next couple of weeks talking about two key ways to think and act wisely when it comes to our friendships. First, we want to inspire students to have the courage to speak up when their close friends are making unwise decisions. Second, we want to challenge them to be ready to receive feedback from their friends about their decisions. Ultimately, we want our students to know that fighting for great friendships is worth it and that the best friendships are those built to handle accountability.

### Question from stage

If you were sitting at the lunch table and one of your friends had food in their teeth, or even worse... a booger in their nose, would you let your friend know?

### Discussion Guide

1. What do Transit age kids often risk when they choose to speak up to their close friends?
2. What one word best describes how someone might feel before speaking up to a friend? (Fearful, nervous, afraid, anxious, etc.)
3. Have you ever had a friend get angry at something you told them? What part of the reaction made you feel most uncomfortable?
4. Who can recap the story of David for us in two sentences or ten seconds?
5. What was David's position in the kingdom, and why would it have required bravery for Nathan to confront him?
6. If you were going to advise someone about how to speak up to a friend, what would you tell them?
7. As a group, let's come up with three pieces of advice about how to tell someone they are making a poor decision.
8. If you had all the bravery in the world and knew you wouldn't lose your friendships, which friends would you speak up to? What would you say?

## **Bottom Line**

Don't be a friend who is weak. Be brave enough to speak.

### **2 Samuel 12:7, 9, 13 (NIV):**

Then Nathan said to David . . . "Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him . . ." Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."