

## PART TWO



### 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

How should you react if you want to make sure no one is ever honest with you again about something tough?

### Discussion Guide

1. What are some good ways we could react when we get some tough feedback?
2. How does body language factor into receiving tough input?
3. What emotions do the average middle schoolers feel when someone tries to give them feedback? (Anger, frustration, fear, nervousness, hurt, excitement, etc.)
4. According to King Solomon, the writer of this wise statement, what is the difference between a wise person and a stupid person?
5. Are listening and hearing different? What do you think Solomon meant by listening?
6. If Solomon were to meet your group of friends right before he wrote this proverb, how would he have written it?
7. Do you think being wise means that a person should listen to everyone? Why or why not?
8. How would you choose whom to listen to?
9. The speaker challenged us to ask our parents, "Where am I being stupid?" What do you think they will say when you ask them that?

## **Bottom Line**

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