

# MONDAY NIGHT SOLUTIONS

WHO'S BAD AND WHO'S NOT  
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To begin our series on safe people, Dr. Cloud will give us an overview of the subject, explaining why relational safety is essential to loving, fulfilling relationships, and defining the issues that keep getting in the way of safe relationships. We will begin to get a picture of what the “bad boys and girls” look like, and be able to hear what their words and actions really tell us. When we hear things like “He doesn’t listen to me” or “She tries to control me,” it’s important to recognize that these may be indications of bigger problems. We will start to hone our character discernment skills by distinguishing between the three types of “unsafe” people many of us encounter. Dr. Cloud will also help you answer the question, Are these people really unsafe, or are they just imperfect people in an imperfect world? Don’t miss this series—your relationships depend on it!  
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## OUTLINE

### 1. Safe People: Introduction

### 2. What is an Unsafe Person?

#### a. Is this your life?

b. Character Development

c. Who are The Bad Guys

i. Abandoners

ii. Critics

iii. Irresponsible

**Discussion questions:**

1. In what ways are you aware of your need for safe relationships?
2. How has not having safe people in your life, affected you?
3. How has your inability to discern good character in others affected your relationships?
4. Which of the three categories of “bad guys” (abandoners, critics and irresponsibles) do you find yourself choosing most and how has this affected your relationships?