

# WEEK 3

## HIGH SCHOOL DISCUSSION GUIDE



### THIS WEEK

#### **BIG IDEA**

God can help us choose our friends wisely.

#### **BIBLE**

Romans 12:9–12; Psalm 1:1–6;  
Proverbs 4:23

### **ABOUT THIS WEEK**

but it's not as easy as we think. This week, we'll hear from Paul about some qualities we can look for — and develop for ourselves—when looking for quality friendships. His words remind us how God can help us choose our friends wisely.

#### **Let's Break the Ice // Discipleship Moment Follow-Up:**

- Think about your closest friend. What is one thing about them that makes them enjoyable to be around?
- Last week we challenged one another to have a conversation with someone who's faith we admired. How did that go?

#### **Bible Study:**

- Read Together: As a group, read Romans 12:9-12
  - Telos Bible Page Number: Page 1111

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- Before we ask any specific questions, what stands out to you from that passage and why?
- Paul talks about sincere love and honoring each other over ourselves. What do you think it means to love someone sincerely (without pretending or hiding who you really are)?
  - If anyone is willing to share, without naming names, have you ever been vulnerable in a relationship and been hurt by that thing? How were you able to find healing? What did you learn about God through that process?
- Have you ever had a friendship where you felt like someone was pretending to be something they're not? How did it affect your relationship?
- What do you think of when you hear the word "boundary"?
- Why do you think it's important to set boundaries in friendships?

#### **Make It Real:**

- Let's work together to create a list of 3 real boundaries that it would be good to have in a godly relationship. Try not to only think about friendships, but consider dating, parents, teachers, etc.

#### **Group Activity:**

Pass out the reflection handout and give everyone time to complete it on their own. When you're done, ask if anyone wants to share their answers.

## **Prayer**

### **Share Requests:**

- Ask for any prayer requests or praises to celebrate together.

### **Group Prayer:**

- Ask God to help give us the strength to set clear, healthy boundaries in the relationships that need it.
- Ask God to send us Godly friends who help shape us into the image of Jesus.

### **Discipleship Moment:**

**Christ-Centered Conversation:** This week, pray and ask God if there are any relationships in your life that aren't healthy and ask how He wants you to handle that relationship moving forward.

**Partner Check-In:** Pair students up and have them commit to checking in with their partner either sometime during the week or during your next gathering.