

# WEEK 1

## MIDDLE SCHOOL DISCUSSION GUIDE



### THIS WEEK

#### **BIG IDEA**

God-centered Relationships begin with God-centered lives.

#### **BIBLE**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

### **ABOUT THIS WEEK**

Doing life on your own isn't the life that God designed you for. You were created to live and love in community. This week, we'll see how Paul describes godly love and community. Spoiler alert: It is centered around Jesus and

#### **Let's Break the Ice:**

- "If you could choose one famous duo to describe your ideal friendship, who would it be and why?"  
OR
- Share Highs and Lows

#### **Bible Study:**

- Read Together: As a group, read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
  - *Telos Bible Page Numbers: Page 1127*

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- Before we ask any specific questions, what stands out from this passage and why?
- Go through this passage and look at how Paul describes love. Look at each attribute and as a group, list the exact opposite of each. How might these "opposites" of love damage relationships or make them harder?
- How would you describe a "Jesus-centered relationship"?

#### **Make it Real:**

- Paul lists 15 attributes of love. Which of these do you feel comes most naturally to you? Which is the hardest for you to live out?
- How do you need Jesus to help make you more loving?

#### **Group Activity:**

Pass out the reflection handout and give everyone some time to fill it out on their own. When you're done, feel free to 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 us identify the relationships in our lives that need strengthening or repair.
- Pray for God to heal us so that He may bring healing to our relationships

(GROW DEEPER - OPTIONAL) Discipleship Moment:

**Model God's Love:** Model Christ's love in one relationship this week, whether by showing extra patience, kindness, or forgiveness.

**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.

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