



#### PARENT EMAIL:

Hi Parents,

We wanted to take a moment to let you know about an upcoming teaching series in our Middle School Ministry called **REALationships**, starting **THIS SUNDAY**.

Middle school is a season full of changing friendships, big emotions, and growing social awareness. Because of that, we believe it's important to help students think biblically about relationships in a way that is **age-appropriate, respectful, and rooted in following Jesus**.

Over the next 3 weeks, we will engage with this series and discuss:

- How Jesus' way of living applies to *every* relationship (friends, family, classmates, and social circles)
- Why healthy relationships require healthy boundaries
- How the people we surround ourselves with shape who we're becoming

We also want you to be aware that **each week we will briefly address dating and crushes**. We know this is something many middle school students are already thinking about or encountering, and we don't want to ignore that reality. At the same time, we are being very intentional to approach this in a way that is **not premature for their age**.

When dating is mentioned, it will be limited to a few sentences and framed around:

- Character over behavior
- Wisdom over rules
- Respect, boundaries, and honoring God and others

This series is **not focused on encouraging dating**, nor does it include graphic or mature content. Our goal is to give students a healthy, biblical framework that will serve them now in friendships and later in life as relationships become more complex.

We approach this topic with **reverence, intentionality, and great care**, and we see this teaching as a way to *support* the conversations you're already having at home—not replace them. If you don't feel comfortable having your student participate, we invite them to attend service with you for the next 3 weeks.

If you have any questions or would like more details about what your student will be learning, we'd love to connect with you. Thank you for partnering with us as we help students grow in faith and wisdom.

Grateful for you,