



TODAY'S MAIN POINT

The best relationships help us become more like Christ.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE(S)

Proverbs 27:17
Proverbs 13:20
1 Corinthians 15:33

TEACHING GOAL

In the final week of REALationships, students are invited to reflect on the **direction** of their relationships. Scripture makes it clear that relationships—especially dating relationships—are not neutral. They shape our character, influence our faith, and play a major role in who we are becoming. This discussion helps students evaluate relationships through the lens of growth, wisdom, and Christlikeness.

Let's Break the Ice

- What's something about you that changed because of the people you spent time with?
- Why do you think influence is often subtle but powerful?

Transition:

The Bible doesn't treat relationships as neutral—they shape who we become.

Bible Study

Read Together: As a group, read **Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)**.

Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean for iron to "sharpen" iron?
- Why do you think sharpening requires friction?
- How can relationships help us grow—even when it feels uncomfortable?

Leader Add-On:

Briefly reference:

- **Proverbs 13:20** – Walking with the wise leads to wisdom
- **1 Corinthians 15:33** – Bad company corrupts good character

Ask:

- What do these verses teach us about influence and direction?

Make it Real

*Leader Note: This section is about **evaluation, not elimination.***

- *How do relationships influence our faith and decision-making?*
- *What are the signs that a relationship is helping you grow spiritually?*
- *What are the signs a relationship might be pulling you away from Jesus?*
- *Why do you think dating relationships can intensify influence more than friendships*

Discipleship Moment

Wise Boundaries Reflection:

Invite students to silently reflect on:

- One relationship that helps them grow closer to Jesus
- One area where they may need more wisdom or discernment

Then ask:

- How can you be the kind of person who helps others grow in their faith?

Encourage this prayer:

“Jesus, help me choose relationships that lead me closer to You—and help me become someone who points others toward You.”

Share Requests:

Invite students to share prayer requests or praises.

Group Prayer:

Pray that God would give students wisdom in dating and friendships, courage to choose growth over comfort, and grace as they learn to follow Jesus in their relationships.