

DATE: FEB. 12, 2025

SERIES: RELATIONSHIP GOALS

TOPIC: DATING! (just be YOU!)

WELCOME & ATTENDANCE!

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYONE IN THE GROUP HAS PRINTED THEIR NAMETAG!**
Also, please take attendance on your paper roster.
- **NEW STUDENTS:** If anyone is NEW this week, be sure they get supplies if REGISTERED.

OPEN YOUR BIBLES!

- Encourage everyone to **have your Bible out and ready!**
- **We are going to read THE SAME Bible verse EVERY WEEK this MONTH!**
 - Be sure to HIGHLIGHT IT!
 - Also, try to **MEMORIZE IT!**
- Have students FIND, and then READ ALOUD **1 Corinthians 13:1-7**
 - What is this verse all about?! (LOVE)

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- **WITHOUT USING ANY NAMES...**
 - **What qualities make someone ATTRACTIVE?**
 - What characteristics should someone look for in a future husband or wife?
 - What does it mean to be “in a relationship” with someone?
 - What is the purpose of “dating” someone, anyway?
 - What role does **TRUST** play in a relationship? How can you BUILD trust?
 - How do you know if it’s time to end a relationship?

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

Big Questions: Which description of LOVE (found in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7) would be the most important quality for someone to have **if you were dating them?**

(Example: Love is patient & kind. I’m looking for someone who will kindly be patient with me.)

- QUESTION: **How do I know if I LOVE someone?**
 - ACTIVITY: Read verses 1 Cor 13:4-7 BUT swap the word LOVE for (YOUR NAME)
 - Example – “Billy is patient & kind. Billy is not jealous...”
- QUESTION: Is there something on the list you struggle with most?
 - ACTIVITY: Now, read verses 1 Cor 13:4-7 again BUT swap the word LOVE for GOD.
 - Example – “GOD is patient & kind. GOD is not jealous...”
- QUESTION: which of these descriptions of God are you most grateful for today?

UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECT!

- THANKS to all who brought donations of **TOILET PAPER** for the SOUPERBOWL Food Drive!
 - We collected nearly DOUBLE the amount this year!
- Also, **THANK YOU** to everyone who volunteered at **MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND**!
 - **We had over 300+ volunteers and packaged over 75,000+ meals in 3 hours!**

WEEKEND WORSHIP NOTES

- **Once a student has COMPLETED their booklet** – have them stop by the Leader Table to get their booklet stamped (and receive a prize!) ALSO, we provided everyone with a NEW booklet for this semester last week! If anyone missed it, or was absent, please help!

8th GRADE RETREAT!

- The retreat is coming up soon! (Saturday/Sunday March 8/9)
 - PLEASE take time to **get an updated HEADCOUNT tonight!**

POWERLIFE “SHOUTOUTS!”

- **NOTE:** leave your shoutouts at the Leader Table when you check out!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES!

IMPORTANT: Please make sure students are aware of the additional resources and support systems available to them using the list included in your leader folder.

- **The Landing – Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 pm at Hope WDM in The Well**
 - Students (grades 7-12) can talk about REAL things going on in their lives and learn healthy coping skills. Any students who are facing bullying, anxiety, depression, chaos at home, divorcing parents, broken families or any difficult situation can find hope at The Landing. Email Amber.Dismute@hopewdm.org for more info!
- **CALL or TEXT 988** - The 988 Lifeline’s network of over 200 crisis centers has been in operation since 2005 and has been proven to be effective. Trained crisis counselors listen, provide support, and connect callers to resources when appropriate.

PRAY TO END THE NIGHT!

- Ask if any STUDENT wants to close your time together in prayer? OR as a leader, say a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing over the group! End with the Lord’s Prayer!

CHECK OUT AT THE LEADER TABLE!

- Please return your folder (and your roster with attendance) to the leader table. If you have feedback or notes, please leave those with us as well!! **THANK YOU!!**