

DATE: FEB. 5, 2025

SERIES: RELATIONSHIP GOALS

TOPIC: FRIENDS! (*building faith-filled friendships*)

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.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- **What makes someone a GOOD FRIEND?**
 - What characteristics do you look for in a friend?
 - Just because someone is in your class, or on your team, your next-door neighbor... does that automatically make them your friend? WHY? Or WHY NOT?

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)

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

Big Questions: In your opinion, which description of LOVE (found in 1 Cor 13:1-7) would best describe **HOW TO BE A GOOD FRIEND?**

(Example: Love is patient. When my friends are patient with me, I feel the most loved.)

- QUESTION: **WITHOUT USING ANY NAMES** – **how would you describe your best friends?**
 - Encourage students to TAKE NOTES of what others say.
 - Then share what characteristics came up the most while sharing?
 - **Why do you think these characteristics are so important to a friendship?**
- QUESTION: Using the verses from 1 Cor 13:1-7 – which characteristic of LOVE do you MOST appreciate from your friends? (Example: when they keep no record of wrongs.)
- QUESTION: Again, using the verses from 1 Cor 13:1-7 – which characteristic of LOVE would you MOST like to improve upon to become a BETTER FRIEND? (Ex: being KIND.)
- QUESTION: **WITHOUT USING ANY NAMES** – **have you ever done something that hurt your friendship with someone else?** What happened? Did you ask forgiveness?

UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECT!

- THANK YOU to everyone who brought donations of **TOILET PAPER** tonight! If you forgot, or would still like to donate, you can bring donations THIS WEEKEND!
- Also, everyone is receiving a MEAL POUCH with an overview of our upcoming service project. **We would like everyone to participate!**
 - You can write a PRAYER offering (and bring it back next Wednesday!)
 - You can give an offering of money (and bring it back next Wednesday!)
 - You can VOLUNTEER your time next SATURDAY (FEB 15) to package meals!

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!

POWERLIFE “SHOUTOUTS!”

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

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES!

As a follow up to last week’s discussion about BRAIN HEALTH...

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!!**