



Week 2

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Introduction:

We all have relationships. Some of our relationships are exactly what we want & need them to be, but if we're honest, most of our relationships could be better: healthier, more satisfying, or even just a little easier. Today, we continue a four-week conversation on relationships. We're not going to try to fix each other, we're just going to be honest about where we are, where we'd like to be, and what it might look like to take a step in that direction.

Scripture:

Matthew 6:33 - "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."

For More, Read & Discuss Matthew 6:19-34

Discussion Questions:

1. What is your routine on a normal morning?
 - How does that morning routine affect the rest of your day?
2. Beginnings matter. How you begin a day or a relationship tends to be a big deal. Think of the significant relationships that you have formed in the past few years: how have they started? What were they based on?
 - How did those beginnings affect the rest of those relationships?
 - Have you ever started off on the wrong foot in a relationship, only to be proven wrong? What changed?
3. Although how a relationship begins tends to be a big deal, it's not the whole picture. Sometimes it is easy to put a ton of effort into the beginning of a relationship and then let it coast.
 - What are the dangers of letting a relationship coast?
 - Think of one of your best relationships: What are the ways that you have put effort into that relationship to make sure that it gets better over time?
4. When we put effort and care into a relationship, not only does that relationship grow, but we also learn & grow as individuals. What have you learned recently as a result of one of your relationships?

Take the Next Step:

Think of the two or three most important relationships in your life. Does the amount of effort you put into those relationships reflect how much you value them? What are some ways you can invest in those relationships to make them better? Decide to take your Next Step in strengthening those relationships.