RELATIONSHIPS: LEADER GUIDE

The purpose of this isn't just to get our students to understand dating relationships, it's to help them understand what the Bible says about almost every kind of relationship they will have.

The study starts off with a lesson on the trinity, mainly because that we really want students to understand why relationships exist in the first place—which is because God has always existed in an eternal, loving relationship with Himself. And we can learn how to best live out all of our human relationships by understanding how God is in His relationships! We also want to root each lesson, as best as possible, in the word of God where it is applicable.

We want to try to continually point students back to God as the originator, definer, and source of all the best wisdom on relationships.

Here is a list of the 10 lessons that make up this study:

- 1. The Trinity
- 2. Relationship with God
- 3. Parents
- 4. Friends
- 5. Church
- 6. Authority
- 7. Dating/Marriage
- 8. Healing
- 9. Less Fortunate
- 10. Non-Believers

We start off with the trinity lesson about God as the founder and definer of all relationships. After that, we'll take 9 lessons to go through different relationships that students have in different areas of their lives. Each lesson is only 1 page long and is meant to be a discussion guide for your time in the group. These lessons are not comprehensive of the given topic but are only meant to scratch the surface and provide a guide for discussion. It's up to you as the leader to guide them through the discussion and insert your own stories/examples where appropriate.

We've also provided you with a video to show in your group at the beginning of each lesson. This video is meant to give an overview of the lesson and will hopefully help jumpstart your discussion.

Thank you all so much for your leadership. You leaders are the heart and soul of our ministry as we all, by the grace and power of God, try to turn students into world changing followers of Christ. Feel free to contact your FSM staff if you have any questions/thoughts regarding this curriculum.

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