

What does God want for my relationships?

CONNECT with each other.

Start out by asking how people are doing. Then start by saying, "Tonight we're talking about what the Bible says about relationships. Here's our main idea: Sometimes there are rules in place for our own good."

Share an example of this from your own life. Then ask, "How have any of you experienced something similar?"

"Let's look at what the Bible says about this"

HEAR from God's Word

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 and discuss these questions:

- 1.) What is this passage saying?
- 2.) What does this teach us about how God wants us to live?
 - Why do you think God tells us to live like this?
 - Verse 7 says that God called us to live a holy life. What does "God called us..." mean? *This is a great place to explain the Gospel...how Jesus died and rose from the dead to give us a new life and make us new people.*

Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 and discuss these questions:

- 3.) What is this passage saying? *You might want to break it down like this:*
 - What do verses 12-13 mean?
 - What does it mean to be a part of Christ's body (verse 15)?
 - What do verses 19-20 mean? *This is another great place to share the Gospel!*
- 4.) What does this have to do with the idea we talked about earlier--sometimes rules are in place for our own good?
 - How can obeying God's word help you get closer to him?
- 5.) Verse 14 talks about death and life. Sexual immorality (and other sins) lead to death, but Jesus raised from the dead and offers to "raise us also." Which one we'll experience is our choice--have you been experiencing death or life? Which one would you like to experience? *Be prepared to share how they can experience forgiveness through Jesus.*

APPLY it to our lives

- 6.) What do you do when you've messed up in this area? (*Hint: Read 1 John 1:9-10*)
- 7.) What is one action you can take this week to help you live as a "temple of the Holy Spirit"?
- 8.) We can help each other live this out. Plan to get together with someone from this group (of the same gender as you) who can help you and who you can help walk in purity.

TELL others

- 9.) Who do you know that could be encouraged by hearing what you're learning about drawing near to God?

It's really good to talk about this topic in smaller groups of the same gender (say a group of three or an accountability group). Get together with the people in your familia and ask them what they think about this discussion.