

WEEK EIGHT

STAYING ON THE RIGHT PATH

WATCH *Connect: The Power of Relationships*

Big Idea

Choosing our relationships carefully is vital to staying healthy. God doesn't just call us to nurture and initiate meaningful relationships, His Word also tells us to stay away from harmful relationships and to restore our broken ones. Developing strong relationships takes work, but we can do it. Be intentional with the people in your sphere of influence. Take the time to cultivate Godly relationships with your church family, friends, and coworkers. Growing the right relationships is important because "we" is always better than "me."

A mirror reflects a man's face, but what he is really like is shown by the kind of friends he chooses.

PROVERBS 27:19 TLB

Discussion

- Discuss your biggest takeaways about how Pastor Hamp described the key to spiritual growth.
- Talk about a time when you walked through a difficult season on your own. How do you believe the support of a Small Group would have impacted the way you experienced that season?
- Can you think of any relationships in your life that feel negative, draining, or unhealthy? What are ways you could start to step away from those relationships?
- What new relationships do you need to start? How could those existing relationships be strengthened?

Prayer Focus

Pray to have healthy relationships. Ask God to help restore any relationships that have been broken, and for the strength and wisdom to sever harmful ones.

Next Steps

- Ask God to show you any relationships in your life that need to be restored. Take a small step towards reconciliation. Starting may be as simple as making a phone call.
- Ask the other members of your group how you can pray for them. Write down their prayer requests and pray for them throughout the week. You might even text them with an encouraging word sometime during the week.

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