

AUGUST DEVELOPMENT GUIDE

SUBJECT: CONNECTION



You were created to Connect

- God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.” – Genesis 2:18
- Just as God exists in eternal relationship as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, He created each of us to exist in relationship. We were created in His image.
- God is also “love.” So we can see that authentic love occurs only in relationship. – 1 John 4:8

Be Real

- God made us all different for a reason. The way you connect with others is perfect because there are others like you. God wired you a certain way to be able to reach specific people that maybe nobody else can reach.
- Some of the greatest points of connection don’t come when we let our guard down. There is a connection that happens when we can truly be authentic and real with one another.

Be Relatable

- Everyone has something in common. Everyone has challenges in life, and many of those same difficulties are shared by the people around us.
- Some of the most powerful words a person can hear is “me too.”
- God can take the simple things in life as well as our scars and past hurts and turn them into a connection that can heal.

Be a Reflection

- The image and love of God in us is attractive to others.
- God has given us the amazing responsibility and privilege to carry Christ with us wherever we go.
- We have an opportunity to not only connect with each other, but to connect others to God through our words and actions.

Scriptures: Genesis 2:18, Ephesians 4:32, Galatians 6:2, John 13:34-35, 1 John 4:8

Discussion Questions:

1. What were your biggest takeaways from this teaching?
2. How will you apply what you learned in connecting with others?
3. Do you remember a time when someone made a meaningful connection with you?