

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

God created us to be in relationships with him and with other people. People can be the greatest source of joy in our lives, but they can also be the greatest source of irritation. Meaning in life comes through sharing it with people, but how do we relate to people when they can sometimes be annoying? Let the scriptures and questions below help guide your discussion about how to properly relate to three different types of people.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe the type of events you enjoy the most. Are these things you do alone or with other people? How do people add to the enjoyment of your life?
2. There are different types of people in the world and it's important to relate to these people differently. If you have children or a group of friends, how are they different? Describe them. How do you deal with them differently, based on their personalities and temperaments?
3. One type of person the Bible describes is a wise person. Read **Proverbs 10:8, 12:15** and **15:31**. How do these verses describe a wise person? What type of advice have you listened to recently? How has it impacted you?
4. How can you invest into wise people?
5. Another type of person the Bible talks about is a fool. Look at **Proverbs 15:12**. How is this person described? **Proverbs 26:11** describes a foolish person as someone who repeats bad habits over and over again, and things never change. Do you know anyone like this? Describe them.
6. How do you relate to a fool? (**See Proverbs 23:9.**)
7. Bob talked about setting limits and instilling consequences in dealing with a foolish person. Can you give examples of setting limits and establishing consequences that would be helpful in dealing with a foolish person?
8. A third type of person the Bible describes is an evil person. Read **Psalms 119:95** and **37:12**. How do these verses describe the wicked? How does **Proverbs 4:14-15** say we should deal with wicked people?

THINK ABOUT IT

At times, we all display glimpses of all three types of people: the wise, the fool and the wicked. But the Bible is clear that no one is truly hopeless. **Luke 19:10** says that Jesus came to earth to redeem sinful people like us. This week, think about the people in your life you spend a lot of time with. Do they tend to be wise people, foolish people or wicked people? Figure this out and then relate to them appropriately by investing in the wise, setting limits with the fool, and avoiding the evil person.

BIBLE VERSE

COMMIT TO MEMORY:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and love your neighbor as yourself." **MATTHEW 22:37, 39**

