



LESSON 4

Dear Parents,

This week we have completed our study on Jesus and Relationships. We have had a great time of fellowship and learning as we have sought to learn what Christ has to say about honoring Him in our relationships.

We completed the series with a lesson entitled "Relationship Number 1." We live in a society where we are told to "look out for number one." Unfortunately, this typically does not mean Christ; it means self. Christ's teaching that He must be number one in our lives goes completely against that. As we consider how this will impact our students, let's be certain we also consider the implications this has in our own lives as we model Christlikeness for them.

The verses we focused on this week were:

- Matthew 10:34-39
- Luke 14:26-27
- 1 John 4:20-21
- John 13:35

As you have the opportunity this week, use the following questions as discussion starters with your teenager:

- When you think about your closest friends, are they people who make you want to learn and be more like Christ? Or are they a distraction to you as you try to follow Christ?
- How can keeping your relationship with Christ as your number one relationship impact your friends who may not have a relationship with Christ?
- Is it difficult to make Christ the number one relationship in your life? Why do you think that is? (Parents, this is a great opportunity for you to share with your student some of your own thoughts and struggles in relationships you may have. How have you seen following Christ impact your relationships in a positive way? Share that with your student as an encouragement to them.)

THIS IS NOT AN EASY TOPIC FOR ANY OF US! WHILE WE KNOW WHAT WE MUST DO, PUTTING ACTION TO THAT IS VERY DIFFICULT! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO TO ENCOURAGE GROWTH IN YOUR STUDENT, EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD. IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU NEED, DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT ME.