

Conversation Guide

Relationship

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Jesus Christ is the epitome of empathy as he, as God, took on the flesh of mankind.

Summary

As noted by Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, relationship is one of primary needs of a human individual. In fact, the most enjoyable and admirable works of humankind is a result of a group endeavor (like an orchestra). Such a community setting offer the promise of 'iron sharpening iron', but this process comes at the cost of one colliding with another. A crucial element in this process of potential growth is empathy as exemplified by our Lord, Jesus Christ. Just as Jesus Christ took our place of humanity, we are called to bear each other's burdens.

Reflect, Discuss, And Share

01 "Alone, I am what I am but in community I have the chance to become everything I can be." How is this statement in contradiction to the popular culture's notion of what it means to be an individual?

Discuss!

02 As Donkey in *Shrek* exclaims, forgiving one another is a part of what it means to be friends. What has been your some qualities of all good friendships? How does Donkey's insight add on to your definition?

Think about this!

03 Tell your teen about a time you were challenged in a community. What were some difficulties that arose during your commitment to the group? How have you grown as an individual that would not have been possible without the help of the community?

Be Vulnerable!

The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Genesis 2:18



Reflect on your past friendships. How have they ended? Is there a need for a reconciliatory phone call?

