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Week 4  
2.27.21

## LEADER PREP

### MAIN POINT

Focus on becoming love before looking for love.

### SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NLT

### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To get students thinking about what kind of person they want to become and to take steps toward developing the qualities they want in themselves.

### THINK ABOUT THIS

It's a lot easier for middle schoolers to talk about others than themselves. That's why talking about the qualities they want to find in someone else first is important. They'll be able to identify those things in others and doing so will help them shift their thinking back to themselves. Do your best to help your students understand why it's important to focus on themselves. We don't want to give them a false hope that simply becoming the kind of person they want to be will magically equate to a happy dating life. Rather, we want them to understand the value and peace that comes with becoming the kind of person God wants you to be. Finally, remember that you may have students who have experienced sexual abuse on some level. This conversation could lead them to eventually open up to you about that, so be prepared to follow up, support, and point them toward help if and when they do.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### THE CHECK IN

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message in your own words?

### THE WORD

- READ 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NLT.
- In your own words, how is this verse describing love?
- **8th Graders:** How might your middle school, your home, and the world be a better place if we all loved each other this way?

### APPLICATION

- DO THIS: Pass out the 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 handouts with blanks. Have your students write in their own name, reading each sentence in their mind as they do so.
- Look back at your sheet. What are some qualities that are harder on this list for you to live out? Why do you think that is?
- Circle a quality or two you'd like to develop more in yourselves.
- This week, what's one way you can work on developing one of these qualities?

### COMMUNITY BUILD

- How can we connect outside of small group time and have fun together?
- GET TO KNOW YOU: Who is your favorite famous couple (real or in a movie/book/etc) and why?
- We did it! We finished the most AWKWARD series of the year (see what I did there?). How can we celebrate together? (Go for ice cream, etc.)

### PRAY

We are going to close in prayer.  
What prayer requests do y'all have?

## **1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NLT**

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