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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Start with an icebreaker question to get everyone talking, then choose the questions that work best for your group.

FENCES Week 3 – Relationships

ICE-BREAKER:

Share an example of when you had to take responsibility for something that was on your side of the fence?

DISCUSS:

In light of Sunday's message, what do fences have to do with relationships?

READ: "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."
- **Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)**

In order to guard your heart, when have you had to erect a fence in a personal relationship? How did that make you feel? How did the other person respond? Was it worth it?

READ: "A hot-tempered person must pay the penalty; rescue them, and you will have to do it again."
- **Proverbs 19:19 (NIV)**

Do you currently have any out-of-control people (*someone whose words, actions, or attitudes are out of line, or out of control*) in your life right now?

These unhealthy and dysfunctional relationships rarely get healthy on their own. But you have a voice and a choice in these relationships. How might a fence help improve them?

APPLY:

It is not necessary to say who it applies to, but what needs to be done to establish a balance of grace and truth in this relationship? What specific fence might help?

Are you planning to erect a fence? If so, when will you do it?