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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.

Summer Wise – Summer Not Week 7 – How to Earn the Respect of Others

ICE-BREAKER:

What is the value of a good reputation? How is a good reputation developed?

DISCUSS:

Can you be counted on to tell the truth...all the time?

Which of the four characteristics of people we respect come easiest for you? To speak with integrity, serve with intensity, share with generosity, or to succeed with humility. Please elaborate on your answer.

READ: *“Choose a good reputation over great riches; being held in high esteem is better than silver or gold.” - Proverbs 22:1 (NLT)*

Do you think people give serious consideration to this passage? Do people truly choose to have a good reputation, or is it something that just happens?

READ: *“People with integrity walk safely, but those who follow crooked paths will slip and fall.” - Proverbs 10:9 (NLT)*

Would you consider this verse a principle or a promise? How have you seen this verse play out in real life?

READ: *“The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.” - Proverbs 11:25 (NLT)*

Have you personally experienced the refreshment that comes from refreshing others through generosity? If so, what happened?

APPLY:

What is one thing you can do this week to cultivate a good reputation in your neighborhood or community?