

## Small Group Questions Continued

3. Read Psalm 1:1-2. The psalmist creates a clear picture of the kinds of people who can have negative influence in your life. Why is it sometimes difficult to distance yourself from those who are clearly having a negative impact on you?

Danny said, "Sometimes, we must take the lead and say, 'Jesus is going to be the focus of our relationship. We will seek to honor Him in all things...'" What does it look like to have Jesus as the focus of your relationships - to "honor Him in all things?"

4. We have the ability to become the type of people who are effective partners with God - ready for the Master to do his work through us. Read 2 Timothy 2:21. With this as our goal or standard, use the space below to list the characteristics we should be looking for in those we allow to be closest to us.

Share the one characteristic from your list you believe to be most important, and tell why you feel this is so valuable.

In order to reboot your relationships, who do you need to spend more time with? What relationships do you need to change?

### Action Step

Fill in the blanks below for this upcoming week.

My action steps are \_\_\_\_\_.

I'm accountable for \_\_\_\_\_, and their action steps are \_\_\_\_\_.

My memory verse is \_\_\_\_\_.

This coming week, I'm praying for:

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## Message Notes

Danny Anderson

*"Never underestimate the power of a few committed people to change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."* Margaret Mead

*"Remove relationships from the equation, and everything disappears."* Tom Rath

There are three main struggles on our journey toward Christ-likeness:

1. Our **culture**.

Do not conform to the **pattern** of this world... *Romans 12:2*

2. Our **enemy**.

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the **devil**. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to **devour**. *1 Peter 5:8*

3. **Ourselves**.

Temptation comes from our **own desires**, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. *James 1:14-15*

God uses human relationships to **shape** the kind of person you become.

This truth works for the **positive** and the **negative**.

Whoever walks with the wise **becomes** wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm. *Proverbs 13:20*

Do not be deceived: "Bad company **ruins** good morals." *1 Corinthians 15:33*

*"If your best friend has a very healthy diet, you are five times as likely to have a very healthy diet yourself."* Tom Rath

How do we leverage this truth to help us become like Christ?

1. Be **intentional**.

I am a friend to anyone who **fears** you - anyone who **obeys** your commandments. *Psalm 119:63*

2. Lead change. If they don't follow, cut them off.

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the **wicked** or stand in the way that **sinners** take or sit in the company of **mockers**. *Psalm 1:1*

*“Without the ability to end things, people stay stuck, never becoming who they were meant to be, never accomplishing all that their talents and abilities afford them.” Henry Cloud*

**Two Questions:**

1. Who do you need to spend more time with?
2. What relationship(s) do you need to change?

# REBOOT

## For Group Discussion

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

### Check-in

#### LAST WEEK'S ACTION STEP

From the information we discussed the last time we met, what did you apply to your life in a practical way?

#### OTHER POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR CHECK-IN

TIME WITH GOD – What are you applying that you are getting from your daily time with God?

MEMORY/MEDITATION VERSE – State it.

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR - Who was accountable for you? Did they care for you by helping you achieve your action step(s) this past week?

### Discussion Questions

1. Relationships shape the kind of person we become. Read 1 Corinthians 15:33 and Proverbs 13:20. Use the space below to write the main theme of these verses in your own words.

This truth works for the positive as well as the negative. Share a time when you got in trouble or did something wrong primarily because of the influence of the crowd you were with. Now, tell the group about the person who has helped you the most in your personal spiritual growth. What are some specific ways this person has helped you become more like Jesus?

2. Who would you say is your best friend? Why do you have such a close bond with this person? How intentional were you about choosing this friend as someone who would contribute to the quality of your life? Why was this important (or not important) to you at the time the relationship began?

## WEEKLY BIBLE READING

ONE YEAR NEW TESTAMENT	SUNDAY Matthew 15:29-16:12	MONDAY Matthew 16:13-17:9	TUESDAY Matthew 17:10-27
this week	january 24	january 25	january 26
WEDNESDAY Matthew 18:1-20	THURSDAY Matthew 18:21-19:12	FRIDAY Matthew 19:13-30	SATURDAY Matthew 20:1-28
january 27	january 28	january 29	january 30
WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE Proverbs 13:20			

