

IRON SHARPENS IRON DISCUSSION GUIDE



HOCKEY MINISTRIES
INTERNATIONAL

Bible Verses:

- Proverbs 27:17
- 1 Corinthians 15:33
- Proverbs 27:6
- Hebrews 10:24-25

Questions for Discussion:

- What do you notice/like/dislike about these Bible verses?
- What do these Bible verses tell us about people & God?
- What type of friends am I surrounding myself with? What impact are they having in my life?
- What type of influence am I having on other people?

Think About:

God's Word challenges us to think about who we are surrounding ourselves with and what impact we are allowing them to have on our lives and character. We should also apply these truths to think about the type of influence we are having on other people.

Observations to Consider & Truths to Believe:

- The people we surround ourselves with are either sharpening our lives and our character or dulling them.
- We can have a similar impact on others: we can either be iron to their lives and character, or concrete.
- Sharpening something involves some sparks - it can be painful - but rebuke from a friend makes us better.
- **We must be intentional - sharpening others and choosing people who sharpen us will not happen accidentally.**
- Jesus was constantly around people who should have corrupted His character, and yet He remained perfect, and he always did the influencing - **because His closest company was always His Father.** The strength He gained from this close relationship allowed Him not to be dulled by the people around Him, but to rather be the influencer.

Key Point:

The people we allow to impact us will either sharpen our lives and character or dull them. Let God be your closest sharpener.

Questions to Ask Yourself:

- Who have you allowed to influence you? Are they Iron or concrete to you?
- How are you influencing others? Are you sharpening or dulling?
- Will you intentionally invite "iron" into your life? Who is that?
- Will you choose to intentionally be "iron" in others lives?
- Will you make sure to be closest to Jesus so He is the ultimate iron in your life, allowing you to not be dulled by others?

Action Steps:

- Pick one person to invite to sharpen you.
- Pick one way you will intentionally sharpen others.
- Spend time with God daily to strengthen you so you won't be corrupted by bad character around you.

Memory Verse:

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17