

# STRONG START

## NEW GROUP CURRICULUM



### WEEK 3

This Facilitator Guide will help you lead conversation.

[Brackets] indicate simple cues for you, as a facilitator, not intended to be read aloud.

### CONVERSATION STARTER

Special events seem to have the greatest potential for awkward or funny moments. Think of a wedding, birthday, or anniversary when someone shared way too much information. What was said?

What was the group reaction? How, if at all, did the group recover?

[Play Week 3 Video, then move onto the Discussion Questions.]

### KEY POINTS

Be authentic, share real stuff, respect each other, and resolve conflict.

God uses people to show himself and grow us to be more like him.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1: This week's video discussed sharing honestly, listening carefully and responding thoughtfully. Another way to summarize this is being our authentic self. These characteristics develop as we gradually expose our opinions, thoughts, and perspectives to others. In what environments do you feel the most freedom to be your authentic self and why?

2: Read Hebrew 10:24-25. God is calling us into relationships and telling us we should "motivate one another toward acts of good works" and also to "encourage one another." We need motivation and encouragement, but we also need to love others enough to give encouragement and motivation. What should our internal motivation and attitude be as we seek to be encouragers within our group?

3: Are you allowing other people to motivate you to acts of love and good works? If not, why? If so, how did it help?

4: Hebrews 10:25 says the charge as believers is not to abandon our post but rather to encourage. When was a specific time you spoke words of encouragement and motivation to others? Was it natural or did it take focused intention?

5: Hebrews 3:13 states "But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called TODAY, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness." Choose today to motivate one another and be an encourager in your sphere of influence. Tell your group how it can encourage and motivate you this week.

### PRAYER

Ask for something pressing that you can pray for as a group this week. Encourage prayer requests to be personal things directly influencing someone in the group. Then lead the prayer.