**Relationships**

**Session Goal:** To encourage participants to put God in first place in their lives and develop Christlike relationships with others.

**So What?**

As you view the video, consider these questions.

* Name some qualities which characterize the relationships demonstrated in the video.
* How do these women really feel about each other?
* How do they feel about some of the other people in their lives?
* What evidence is there of a healthy relationship with each other? A detrimental relationship?
* What evidence is there they have a healthy relationship with other people in their lives? A detrimental relationship?
* Which of these women do you think is most like you? In what ways do you identify with her?

**What Does the Bible Say?**

Read John 15:9-17.

What qualities do you think characterize the relationship between the Father and Son in this passage?

What qualities characterize the key relationships in your life?

Read Ephesians 4:1-16.

What do you see as the key relational qualities this passage highlights?

What do you think could be the result of applying these qualities to your relationships?

Read Hebrews 10:19-25.

What do you think it means “to draw near to God”? How might this impact the relationships in your life?

Why might there be some relationships we may have to give up?

The word “spur” in verse 24 can be translated “provoke.” This means we are to hold each other accountable. What are some ways Christians can “spur” each other on in “love and good deeds”?

Why do you think that “meeting together” with other believers is vital for Christian fellowship?

How might your relationships with other Christians help you to be accountable to God?

**How Does This Affect My Life?**

Why do you think Christina hated the phrase: “you complete me”? How do you feel about that phrase?

How does our relationship with God help us to discover wholeness in ourselves?

Christina tells Tiffany she needs to know herself in Christ before she can find Mr. Right. What do you think she means? Why is this important to a healthy marriage relationship?

How does your relationship with God get reflected in your relationships with others?

From the video we learn that Tiffany is in an unhealthy relationship. What are some reasons people hold on to unhealthy relationships?

**Now What?**

Option One

Looking again at Hebrews 10:22-25, make a list of ways you can:

* Draw near to God;
* Support each other during times of discouragement;
* Thank the people who have been instrumental in the development of your faith;
* Inspire each other to show God’s love to others.

Plan to share your experiences at the next meeting.

Option Two

Think about the many ways God has provided and nurtured a relationship with you. Journal and be prepared to share:

* Ways God has nurtured a personal relationship with me.
* Ways I can use God’s model in forming healthy, God-honoring relationships with others who are important to me such as members of this group.
* What are some practical ways that we can support one another during this video series?