



People who can make a difference:

Reflect:

Share one or two people who have been a major influence in your life (apart from God and your marriage partner).

Read Genesis 2: 15-18.

1. According to this passage, are our relationship needs satisfied by walking closely with God, and by having domesticated animals?

Read Proverbs 18:24 and Proverbs 22:24-25

2. Recall a time when a friendship was really *unhelpful* for you?
What have you especially valued in a friend who “sticks closer than a brother”?

Read Proverbs 20:5

3. Who do you know personally, (or who have you heard about), who could be gifted at helping you to understand yourself at a deeper level?

Is it advisable to rely on friends or marriage partners to do this for us?

When might it be important for us to understand ourselves more deeply?

Read Proverbs 27:17

4. What do you think this statement means?
5. How could you access a mentor to help “sharpen” you?

Read John 15:12-14.

6. Take it in turns to share an encouragement or challenge from this passage.

