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**1. Building Relationships with Students 101**

**[Discussion Guide]**

**After watching this short video, take some time to read the following and discuss the questions below.**

**If we don’t have a relationship with our students, we can’t challenge them**

>Deal with your fear of students

>Students are dying for someone who will be authentic and love them

**Ask 100 questions of students to get to know them deeper**

>Start with what they might be wearing (hat, clothes, etc.)

>Go deeper: likes and dislikes

>Deeper still: family, friends

>Goal: ask about where they are at in their faith

**Send students handwritten letters of encouragement**

**One-way relationship: Don’t cross the line from youth worker to friend**

**Discuss:**

**>> What kind of relationship do you have with the students in the youth ministry?**

**>> Practice asking 100 questions with someone in the group. Do this for 5 minutes, then switch. What was this experience like?**

**>> What would be some pitfalls of developing a friendship rather than a mentor/leader relationship with students?**