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CONGREGATIONAL NOTE SHEET

WHO IS SHAPING YOU?

How to Build Relationships That Make You Wiser and Stronger

Main Text: Proverbs 27:17–19

Supporting Texts: Proverbs 27:5–6; Ecclesiastes 4:9–12; Hebrews 10:24–25

BIG IDEA

God uses the right people to shape the person He is calling you to become.

CENTRAL QUESTION

Who has permission to tell you something you do not want to hear?

SERMON OUTLINE FOR NOTES

1. Sharpening Requires Contact

Key Thought: You cannot grow spiritually in isolation.

Notes:

- Who really knows what's happening in my heart?
- Am I connected or just present?
- Why does proximity matter?

Write your notes:

2. Sharpening Creates Friction

Key Thought: Correction is uncomfortable but necessary.

Notes:

- Difference between a friend and a foe
- "Better is open rebuke..."
- Who can tell me the truth?

Write your notes:

3. Sharpening Produces Usefulness

Key Thought: God sharpens us to make us more effective.

Notes:

- What fruit do my relationships produce?
- Am I becoming more like Jesus or more distracted?

Write your notes:

A. Faithful Relationships Must Be Cultivated

Key Thought: Fruit grows where faithfulness is practiced.

Notes:

- What relationships am I tending?
- Am I dependable?
- Do I stay present when it's inconvenient?

Write your notes:

B. Relationships Reveal the Heart

Key Thought: Relationships act as mirrors.

Notes:

- What is God revealing in me?
- How do I respond to correction, success, failure?

Write your notes:

C. Be Careful Who Is Shaping You

Key Thought: Influence determines direction.

Notes:

- Who shapes my decisions?
- Do my closest relationships move me toward Christ?

Write your notes:

Jesus Is the Center of a Sharpening Community

Key Thought: Only Jesus can transform the heart.

Notes:

- Jesus corrects to restore
- The church is a grace-filled community
- We sharpen one another toward Christlikeness

Write your notes:

PRACTICAL RESPONSE: Identify Three People

1. Who encourages me?

Name: _____

2. Who corrects me?

Name: _____

3. Whom am I helping?

Name: _____