

#CrucialRelationships Pocket Proxe Script

1. **Introduce yourself (ask their name), state your purpose, and ask permission.** "Hey, how's it going? I'm ____ with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and me and my friends are on campus today talking with people about crucial relationships. Do you have a few minutes to talk? What's your name?"

2. **Invite them to interact about relationships, front side of card.** Like I said we are with a Christian movement on campus and we are inviting people to participate in an interactive art display. Before we get started can I ask you if you have a spiritual background? Ok cool. So let's look at this first picture. It's really talking about important relationships.

What's the most crucial relationship in your life right now? Why is that relationship so important to you?

What kind of crucial relationship are you looking for this semester? (Invite them to choose one from the picture). Why do you feel that you need that type of relationship in your life?

That's awesome, when I was a freshman I just wanted _____. (say what you were looking for, i.e. a good roommate, or a boyfriend, etc.)

3. **Transition to back side of card.** As great as these relationships are, all relationships get messy. For me, I experienced a crucial broken relationship with ____ when _____. (Share vulnerably).

Have you experienced a crucial relationship that has gotten messy?

I'm so sorry that happened. Would you mind if I prayed for you right now for that relationship, that God would meet you in this and start to bring healing? (take a moment to pray for the person right there. Invite the Holy Spirit to come and bring healing and comfort.)

How was that experience for you?

Like I said, we are a part of a Christian movement called InterVarsity, and I believe that God actually wants to be a part of restoring the hurt that is caused by broken relationships.

Have you ever considered asking God for healing when it comes to pain from broken relationships?

4. **Transition to the Gospel.** Would you be interested in hearing more about how Jesus offers healing and hope for the crucial relationships in your life? (share gospel)

5. **Invite them to respond.**

- Follow Jesus. Would you be interested in starting a relationship with Jesus right now?
- Come into community. You are welcome here, no matter what you think or believe.

Because Jesus has forgiven us, nothing makes people more loving.

Circle 1

- This circle represents how God wants us to experience life. He created us for **right relationship** with him, with each other, and to do meaningful work in the world. Things were **perfect!** Everyone was happy. No selfishness, no mess, no hurt.
- But we thought we could do better ourselves. We told God to "shove it," and decided to **find our own way** to meet our needs and find happiness.
- This ends badly for us. Because of our selfishness, we actually experienced death and not life. This is a mess.

Circle 2

- In order to talk about #crucialrelationships, we have to take a good look at our world. We have war, famine, child abuse, teen suicide, drug addiction, and so on.
- As we look at the world around us, we see the results of putting ourselves at the **center** of the story. Our **choices**, including our relationships, give us control that we probably shouldn't have. Turns out, we are all very selfish people and we are not very good at playing God.
- By focusing so much on ourselves, we have caused messiness and hurt in relationships and are separated from God. This is a sad story. Where are you **dissatisfied** with the world around us, or in your personal life?

Circle 4

- Part of the life that God offers us is to be **difference-makers** in our hurting world. We get to share God's hope in a world full of messiness and despair. But the path to serving the world is through laying down our lives in service, and **service** sometimes feels like suffering or dying to ourselves. Jesus promises that as we lay down our lives for his sake, he will give us **true life**, that satisfies now and lasts forever. Life with purpose, love, hope, joy, and depth.
- Unfortunately, many Christians often stay in the 3rd circle, happy to be loved by God, but not offering this life to others. **Meaning and love** are found by **giving our lives away**, not living for ourselves, even when it comes to our relationships.
- It also means joining with a **community** of people who follow Jesus to be God's hands and feet, bringing hope to a messy, selfish, dysfunctional world.

Circle 3

- God could have easily given up on us and left us to the **consequences** of our decision. But **God loved us** enough to get involved through Jesus.
- Jesus came to show us that he knows us, and he sees our desires and our needs. But in order for God to be back at the center of the story, Jesus had to deal with our **rebellion** and our desire for control.
- Jesus took my selfishness on himself on the cross. **Through his death and coming back to life**, he opens the door to **transformation** in our lives.
- We **invite** Jesus into our dissatisfaction, and we trust him today and for the rest of our lives to meet our needs. We have a **choice** to make with this most important #crucialrelationship. We have to decide to let Jesus influence all areas of our lives, even our relationships with others.