



## Discuss...

### Fear/Emotions

- ♥ Katniss has a flashback to killing people in the Hunger Games while she is out hunting (Scene 1, 4). How can our past experiences affect our interactions and relationships with others? What can we do to overcome these experiences if they are negative?
- ♥ Katniss snaps at Peeta on the train, but later apologizes (Scene 3). How do you handle anger or being upset with someone? What is the importance of apologizing and forgiveness? What are appropriate ways to handle conflict and manage negative emotions?

### Support Systems

- ♥ After the hunger games, Gale is able to comfort Katniss (Scene 1, 17). What is a support system? Why is it important to have a support system? Who makes up your support system?

### Openness

- ♥ Katniss is getting ready to leave for the victor's tour, and Gale decides it is better not to say goodbye. He is still upset about what happened between Peeta and Katniss at the first games (Scene 1). What consequences can our actions have on our relationships? What are the consequences of not being open about our true feelings?

### Survival/Safety/Security

- ♥ During her conversation with President Snow, Katniss makes the comment that the government must be a pretty fragile system if it can be brought down by a few berries (Scene 2). What are some things/factors that make us more fragile or vulnerable to being hurt? What can we do to strengthen ourselves against those things that can hurt us?
- ♥ Katniss talks to Gale about running away together (Scene 6). Is running away from a situation sometimes the best option for safety? Is avoiding a problem ever a lasting answer?

### Virtues

- ♥ Haymitch comments to Katniss, "You are a strangely dislikable person. But you do have your virtues" (Scene 2). What are virtues? What virtues are present in successful relationships? What are your virtues and what virtues attract you to someone else?

### Honesty

- ♥ Peeta tells everyone that he and Katniss got married in secret **and** they are going to have a baby (Scene 14). What are the consequences of lying? Is it ever okay to lie? What are the responsibilities that come along with having a baby?



### Friendship

- ♥ Katniss tells Peeta that she's never been very good at being a friend (Scene 3). What causes distancing to occur between friends? What does a true friendship look like?
- ♥ Peeta tells Katniss that friends need to be willing to open up and share with others to become closer. He also says that friends tell each other the "deep stuff" (Scene 3). What are the dangers that can come from opening up too much or too readily? Conversely, what are the consequences of not opening up enough or at all?
- ♥ Katniss stays with Gale through the night and does everything she can to help after he has been whipped (Scene 7). Why is it important to have friends that will stay with you through the best of times and the worst of times? How can you be that friend to someone else?

### Physical Affection

- ♥ Part of the act Katniss and Peeta are putting on involves them being in love and showing physical affection to one another (Scene 3). What are some of the consequences of physical intimacy when feelings are not really there? Or having physical intimacy too soon in a relationship? What are the consequences of using physical intimacy as a way to develop feelings?

### Stumbling Blocks/Challenges/Enemies

- ♥ As President Snow brainstorms ways to get rid of Katniss and other victors, Plutarch reminds him of a "wrinkle" in the game rules (Scene 8). What are wrinkles, or unexpected events, that can happen in life or in our relationships? How can you prepare for these wrinkles?
- ♥ Just when they had the clock thing figured out, the game maker changed it up by spinning the whole field (Scene 21). What obstacles seem to show up just when you think you have things figured out or your relationship is going well? How can you prepare for these challenges? How do you handle them? How can you learn from them?

### Love

- ♥ Peeta and Katniss' relationship has been built into the love story of the century in their society (Scene 3, 4, 5). What are some common love stories that we have grown up hearing? What are some consequences of looking for the perfect love story? Does happily ever after exist in real life? If not, how can you get close to achieving it?
- ♥ In a speech, Peeta and Katniss say they have a "bond of love, formed in the crucible of the game" (Scene 4). What is a bond of love? How is this bond formed? What are crucibles? How can they make us stronger and bring us closer together with those we love?