

Pencil Sharpener

We are called to help make our fellow Christians stronger.

Prep

Get 4 unsharpened pencils, a pencil sharpener, a rock, a piece of paper, and a lemon.

Mark your Bible to Proverbs 27:17.

Demonstration

Call up 4 volunteers and give each an unsharpened pencil and 1 of the 4 other items.

Then tell them they each have 20 seconds to sharpen their pencil using only what they each have. Obviously only one will be successful.

Object Lesson

“No matter how much you need or want a pencil sharpened, a lemon cannot sharpen it.

And without being sharpened, a pencil isn’t useful at all.

Being sharp reminds me of the verse Proverbs 27:17 which says, *“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”*

We are called as followers of Jesus to “sharpen” each other; to help each other become stronger and more purposeful Christians.

Some ways we can sharpen each other are: to pray for each other, to be encouraging, to be good examples, and to lovingly teach each other.

But we have to remember, for us to make others sharp we have to be sharp ourselves.”

Wrap Up

“We are called to be sharp and to help sharpen our fellow Jesus followers. The sharper we are, the sharper those around us will be by spending time together.”