

I'm going to call out specific descriptions, facts, or character traits of people. As soon as I do, it's your job to group up with similar people. For example, if I call out eye color, you need to find everyone who has your eye color as fast as possible. Stay in a group until I call out the next description.

Hopefully the natural-born leaders in your group will take charge by shouting, "Size 11 shoes! Size 11 shoes! All the size 11 shoes over here on the double!"

Be sure to identify and acknowledge all the groups after each round, i.e. "Where are the January birthdays? February? March?" It's no fun to race around like a maniac if no one's going to notice.

Here's a list of characteristics for you to call out. Add your own, too.

eye color
birth month
year in school
traffic violations—
0/1-3/4+

shoe size
number of siblings
introvert/extrovert
sodas per day—
0/1-2/3+

After you've finished, ask for volunteers to name everyone in one of their groups. (Name one that had quite a few guys in it.) If you have someone who can do that, ask for another volunteer to name the people in another group. Continue until the guys can see they've remembered very little of the factual information that was made known.

option [small group activity]
Getting to Know You



If you have 14 or fewer guys, have your teens pair up. If you have an odd number, partner with one of the guys yourself. Explain the game to them this way—

I'm going to give you one minute to find out as many vital facts about your partner as possible. You might

ask for birthdate, shoe size, toothbrush color, favorite movie, hero, family members, favorite school subject, and so on. When I say, "Switch," the fact-gatherer becomes the fact-giver and the fact-giver becomes the fact-gatherer. Pay attention because when the two minutes are up, we're going to see how much you can each remember about your partner.

Live out this God-created identity the way our Father lives toward us, generously and graciously, even when we're at our worst. Our Father is kind; you be kind.

—from Luke 6, The Message

After the guys have finished gathering the data, ask for volunteers to share their mental lists. If competition is the grand motivator, give a prize to the team that remembers the most.