## The Faithful Steward of Relationships Part 9

Today we will explore God's view concerning the primary purposes of relationships.

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1. God's Plan—Peace and Life.

God loves you and wants you to experience His peace and life. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

- 2. **Our Problem**—Separation. Being at peace with God is not automatic, because by nature you are separated from God. Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
- 3. God's Remedy—The Cross.

God's love bridges the gap of separation between God and you. When Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the grave, He paid the plenty for your sins.1 Peter 2:24"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed."

4. Seek Our Response—Receive Christ. You cross the bridge into God's family when you receive Christ by personal invitation. John 1:12 "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." To receive Christ, you need to do four things:

- 1) Admit your spiritual need. "I am a sinner."
- 2) Repent and be willing to turn from your sin.
- 3) Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross.
- 4) Receive, through prayer, Jesus Christ into your heart and life.

## In closing ...

The faithful steward of relationship remains primarily concerned with their relationship with Jesus- revealing the intimacy, depth, and love of that relationship with all others.

## **Digging Deeper**

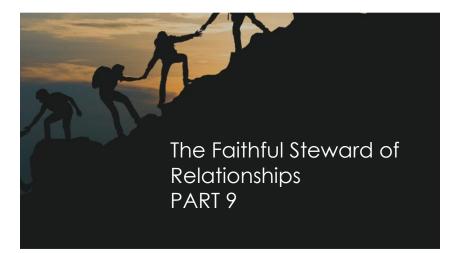
## FOR FURTHER STUDY:

• How would you explain the Gospel in just ten words?

• How do you relate spiritual things to every day matters?

• How might you remove the fear of evangelism?

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