

10/27/19 Sermon Notes

Part of Begin the Journey

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Series: Begin the Journey

Message: Building Relationships

Jesus designed the church to bring us together, because we were never designed to do life alone!

You were created for COMMUNITY!

If you're not willing to share your life and connect with a [church] family - then you're just playing church!

—Pastor Chad

Romans 12:5 (GW)

In the same way, even though we are many individuals, Christ makes us one body and individuals who are connected to each other.

- The key word is CONNECTED

If connecting were easy, we'd have stronger churches... if everyone were connected, our churches would reflect it, our communities would know it, and Jesus would be glorified through it!

—Pastor Chad

Since connecting isn't easy, it reveals that disconnecting seems to be the path of least resistance. It's easier to be disconnected than it is to connect [but it's not better]. As a disconnected believer, you grow apart, you go in different directions, you lose contact with one another, you become spiritually alone and spiritually impotent.

So why do relationships fall apart?

Why do we disconnect?

- SELFISHNESS destroys relationships

James 4:1-2 (NIV)

1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?

2 You want something but don't get it...

Proverbs 28:25 (GNT)

Selfishness only causes trouble.

- SELFLESSNESS builds relationships

Mark 12:31 (NLT)

The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

- PRIDE destroys relationships

Proverbs 13:10 (TLB)

Pride leads to arguments...

- HUMILITY builds relationships

Proverbs 13:10 (TLB)

Pride leads to arguments; be humble, take advice, and become wise.

1 Peter 3:8 (GW)

Finally, everyone must live in harmony, be sympathetic, love each other, have compassion, and be humble.

Read Romans 13:8-10

- RESENTMENT destroys relationships

Psalms 73:21-22 (NIV)

21 When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered,

22 I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you.

Read Job 5:2

- FORGIVENESS builds relationships

Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

Forgiveness ushers in positive emotions... forgiveness ushers in happiness... love... joy.

Romans 12:5 (GW)

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Are you connected?