

## **RELATE SONSHIP:**

### **The Transformation of Identity through Sonship**

#### **1. Lesson Summary & Objective**

This lesson explores the heart of Christianity as identity transformation through sonship rather than mere behavior modification. Believers are invited to understand themselves as new creations, legally adopted and seated with Christ. The objective is to help participants live from this restored identity so that transformed relationships, boldness, unity, and spiritual authority naturally flow.

#### **2. Key Scripture Sections**

- 1 John 4:17-19

- John 20:17

- Romans 8:11, 15

- Ephesians 4:29

- Ephesians 5:25

- John 14; John 17

- 1 Corinthians 12

- Genesis 2

#### **3. Core Teaching Points & Discussion**

##### **A. Identity Transformation, Not Behavior Modification**

Christian living flows from who we are, not what we try to fix. Through Christ, believers move from alienation to adoption. Behavior is the fruit of identity, not the root.

Scripture: 1 John 4:17; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Discussion Questions:

1. How does seeing yourself as a new creation change the way you approach obedience?
2. Where do you feel tempted to rely on performance instead of identity?

##### **B. Sonship and Shared Belonging with Christ**

Jesus reveals that His relationship with the Father is now shared with believers. Through adoption, God is no longer distant but present as Father (Abba).

Scripture: John 20:17; Romans 8:15

Discussion Questions:

1. What challenges or excites you about relating to God as Father?
2. How does sonship affect your sense of belonging?

### **C. Indwelling Spirit and Restored Authority**

The same Spirit who raised Jesus now lives in believers. This restores authority lost in the fall and empowers believers for life, healing, and provision.

Scripture: Romans 8:11; Genesis 2

Discussion Questions:

1. How does knowing the Spirit dwells in you shape your confidence?
2. In what areas do you need to reject an orphan mindset?

### **D. Relationships Shaped by Sonship**

When identity is secure, relationships are transformed. Speech becomes edifying, marriages reflect Christ's love, and the church functions as one body.

Scripture: Ephesians 4:29; Ephesians 5:25; 1 Corinthians 12

Discussion Questions:

1. How does identity in Christ change the way we speak to one another?
2. What would unity look like if we truly lived as one family?

### **E. Perfect Love Replacing Fear**

Fear grows where identity is lost. Perfect love establishes boldness before God and freedom from striving.

Scripture: 1 John 4:18

Discussion Questions:

1. What fears reveal places where identity needs to be restored?
2. How can perfect love reshape your daily walk this week?