

Group Discussion Guide

Week of May 16, 2021

Living Relationally
Colossians 4:7-18

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- What does it mean to you to LIVE RELATIONALLY with other people?
- Share what you believe a healthy relationship looks like.
- Share a healthy relationship you have experienced in your life.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking over your notes from this past teaching... was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

MAIN POINT

A church is not just to be a worship community, learning community, or praying community, but we are also to be a RELATIONAL COMMUNITY.

THE WORD

Read – Colossians 4:17-18

DIGGING DEEPER

- How do these verses show the importance of relationship in Paul's life?
- What does it mean that the church should be a RELATIONAL COMMUNITY?

Read – Genesis 1:26-27

- How does God creating humanity in His image show us His desire for relationship with us?
- What wrecked Adam and Eve's perfect relationship with God?

Read – Ephesians 2:14

- What did Jesus do for our relationship with God?

Read – Genesis 2:18 and Proverbs 18:1

- What do these verses teach us about our need for relationship with others?
- What can make relationship with other Christians difficult?

Read – Proverbs 18:24

- What does this verse say we need to do if we want to have friends?
- According to this verse who is probably at fault if we don't have any good relationships?

Read – Matthew 5:23-24

- What does this verse teach us regarding fractured relationships?
- Have you ever thought, ***“I will make amends but only after that person says they're sorry.”***?
- What does Jesus say in Matthew 5 that contradicts that thought process?
- Why would Jesus want us to make every attempt to heal relationships with people who are mad at us?

Read – Romans 12:18

- How do you know if you have done everything possible to live at peace with all people?
- Based on all these verses how important do you think it is to God that we live in harmony with other people... specifically people in our church?
- Why do you think God takes our relationships with one another so seriously?

TAKING IT HOME

Is there someone in your life that you need to make amends with?

How can you live more relationally with the people in your church?

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS