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Groups Sermon Study Questions

Relational Priorities

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Message Summary

Relationships matter. They can be a source of great joy and encouragement. They can also be taxing and draining on us as well. Who we surround ourselves with often has more of an impact in our lives than we'd like to admit. This week we looked at how God desires us to prioritize relationships with others.

Consider This

How would you describe friendship?

Without names (unless you are comfortable sharing) and outside of your family, describe a relationship that has a positive impact on your life and a relationship that has a negative impact on your lives? What stands out to you as you compare those relationships?

Why do you think relationships have such an impact on our lives?

Read Hebrews 10:23-25

1. What are we to hold onto?
2. What does that look like in our lives?
3. What types of relationships are we to seek according to verse 24?
4. Why do you think it is important to be spurring others on, and have others spurring you on?
5. According to verse 25, what are we encouraged to do with others who are spurring us on?
6. Why is this so important?
7. Who are the people in your life that are encouragers, those that are spurring you on to follow Jesus?

Read Luke 10:25-37

8. What relationship is the expert in the law seeking to define in verse 25? How does he answer it?
9. What is Jesus' response to his answer (verse 28)?
10. As we looked at our spiritual priorities last week, why is this the most important relationship in our lives?

11. What is the significance of the follow up question in verse 29?
12. How does Jesus respond?
13. What is the significance of the one who showed mercy being a Samaritan?
14. What does that mean for our relationships today?
15. How do we show compassion for those who may be outside our comfort zone?

Action Steps:

Personal Study

Review the passages below this week regarding relational priorities.

1 Kings 19:19-21

Proverbs 17:17

Proverbs 27:17

Ecclesiastes 7:5

Philip. 2:5-11

Col. 3:1-17

2 Timothy 2:2

Philemon 1:4-7

Relational Reconnect

As you look at your relationships, who are those that are pouring Christ into your life? Who serves as an encourager in your life? Who are you encouraging? Who is having a negative impact in your life? Take some time this week to evaluate your relationships, where you may need to cultivate deeper relationships and what relationship need to be dialed back because they are influencing your life in a negative way.