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## SUMMARY

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In 5 years we want to have a solid relationship with God; living in His will, and experiencing all that He has for us in this life. But how do we get to that point with God? Is there a correlation between our human relationships and the relationship we desire with God?

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## START WELL

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- Read the scripture reference(s) and the discussion topics.
  - Pray for your group and meeting time.
  - Be the first to smile!
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## ICEBREAKER

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How did you meet your best friend?

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## SCRIPTURE

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- **Matthew 5:21-26** - A heart issue.
- **Matthew 6:9-15** - The Lord's Prayer and a warning.
- **Luke 23:32-34** - Jesus's posture in the pain.
- **Romans 5:1-11** - God moved first.

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## DISCUSSION

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Jesus makes it clear over and over that we can't be right with our Father in Heaven if we aren't right with our brothers and sisters on Earth. Some questions that might help with discussion:

### Matthew 5:21-26

- How do you feel about equating anger and murder?
- Is Jesus being too harsh?

### Matthew 6:9-15

- How do you feel about Jesus's statement on forgiving others and being forgiven?
- Does it relate to **Matthew 5:21-26**? Why or why not?

### Luke 23:32-34

- How would you feel toward the people murdering you?
- Do you think it was hard for Jesus to forgive them?

### Romans 5:1-11

- Does it matter that we were forgiven **before** we apologized?

How we approach forgiveness and repentance is all about the posture of

our heart. These questions are meant to spur thought, and are not meant to push for specifics:

- Who in your life do you need to forgive? Why haven't you?
- What do you need to seek forgiveness for? Why haven't you?

The next 5 relational years are a choice: the *poison of pride* or the *healing of humility*.

- What would you rather have?
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## END WELL

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- Remind people to pray
- Update the prayer journal
- Follow up with your group midweek

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