

Changing World Series: **Relationships**

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I. **Being Known**

Key Truth: We were made for *deep* relationships.

II. **Creation, Fall & Restoration**

John 1:1

The Basis of Deep Relationships

Point: Know others & be known by others.

Genesis 3:8-12

The Destruction of Intimacy

Point: Adam signaled the destruction of relational intimacy.

John 17:20-21

Intimacy Restored

Point: Deeper intimacy comes with knowing Jesus Christ.

III. **That the World May Believe**

Mid-Week Devotion (Take time this week to pray & respond to the following.)

One of the predominant cultural narratives of our day is, “You be you. Embrace your own truth.” On the surface, these things sound nice, but its natural outworking is quite isolating. What if my own truth is contradictory of the truth of others? Normally, we turn inward and isolate. We interact with those who affirm us, or with those who disagree with us only on a surface level. Even worse, we dogmatize personal values over the values of others, thus making it difficult to have deep relationships. In essence, we are rarely known by others and we rarely know others.

The Bible prescribes a different approach to relationships. After all, God Himself is a relational being, and we are created in His image. Therefore, we as humans have been made for deep relationships.

How have you conformed to the cultural narratives of our day in regard to relationships? What can you do to foster deeper relationships with Christ and others? Prayerfully ask God to grant you deeper intimacy with Him and with others.