



ENGAGE ONE ANOTHER:

1. Which do you tend to use the bible for more – a mirror to look at yourself, or binoculars to look at others? Why do you think that is?
2. Pastor Paul said “Love is free, Trust is earned.” As you look at your relationships, how well do you live this out? Do you withhold love in the name of trust? Do you trust too easily thinking it’s showing love?
3. Pastor Paul shared the “8 Laws of Relationships” in his message that are seen throughout Jesus’ ministry as he interacts with people. Here they are again for your review:

The Law of...

Hospitality	Capacity	Priority	Seasonality
Safety	Clarity	Idolize-Demonize	Economy

Go around the group and have each person discuss briefly which law they felt was the one they struggle with the most. How can they intentionally engage the Holy Spirit in this area of relationships?

4. Read Isaiah 11:2 together. Have you ever thought of the Holy Spirit as having these attributes in your life?
5. We so often only think of the Holy Spirit’s role in our lives in terms of the gifts, fruit of the spirit, and the supernatural. Have you ever intentionally asked the Holy Spirit to be a part of your relationships?

PAUSE & REFLECT:

In the Psalms, it’s called a “Selah”. A moment to catch your breath, rest, and praise. It’s an intentional break to reflect and fully experience the moment before moving on. How did God challenge, encourage, correct, etc... as your group engaged one another in this conversation?

ENGAGE GOD:

“Jesus was not paranoid, trusting no one. Neither was He naive, trusting everyone. Instead, Jesus was wise and discerning.” – Pastor Mark Driscoll

The Holy Spirit is amazingly practical. Only He can help you engage relationships in a healthy way that keeps balance through discernment.

Spend some time reflecting on your relationships and ask the Holy Spirit to give you discernment on how to best engage them. As God brings someone specific to your mind (and He will!) ask God for insight what conversations you may need to have to bring healing and health to that relationship.

GROUP PRAYER:

Popcorn Prayer: Have each person fill in the blank with the prayer: "Lord, fill me with your Holy Spirit so I can learn to have healthy relationships. I struggle with the law of _____. Help me to follow you as you lead me in that area of growth." Once everyone has prayed, open up general prayers and address additional prayer requests and concerns as needed.

ENGAGE ONE ANOTHER + ENGAGE GOD = *Extraordinary Together*