

# Growing in Gospel Relationships

## 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

### I. Love one another

#### A. Lean into church relationships

1. Pay attention to your relationships in the body
2. Focus on the teacher
3. Prioritize face to face

#### B. More not less

1. Pursue Peace
2. Mind your own business
3. Work hard

### II. Love the lost

#### A. Win the respect of unbelievers by your example

#### B. Be a giver not a taker

## **Apply God's Truth**

1. How is God calling you to lean into your church relationship? What would you need to change?
2. How does focusing your attention on your relationship with God transform you from the inside out?
3. What are some distractions from prioritizing face to face relationships with your brothers and sisters in Christ?
4. How can you pursue deepening your relationship with people in the church?
5. Which of the 3 habits (pursuing peace, minding your own business, working hard) that Paul calls us to aspire to do you struggle with the most? How can you pursue growing in that area?
6. Are you living as a good example of gospel relationships to your lost neighbors, friends, and coworkers?
7. How can you generously give to others instead of selfishly expecting them to serve you?

### **Memory verse for the week**

1John 5:13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.