

## **"Relationships For..."**

### **Opening Announcements**

### **Opening Prayer**

Q: What's the BEST things about relationships?

Q: What's the most difficult thing about relationships?

Q: What are some of the ways difficult relationships effect your life?

### **Table Time....**

**READ: Matthew 22:37-39** "But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. <sup>35</sup> And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" <sup>37</sup> And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Q: So how does Jesus summarize ALL the Law and the Prophets?

Q: Why does "love" fulfill those two things?

Q: How does the Law and the Prophets teach us, help us, guide us to love?

**READ: Genesis 2:18** "Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

Q: According to this verse, what was "NOT" good?

Q: Why?

Q: How does the relationship between man and woman (husband/wife), reflect the "image of God"?

Q: How does this help us understand our roles and the blessing of relationships?

### **Big Group Debrief...**

**READ: 1 Peter 4:7-10** "The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. <sup>8</sup> Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup> As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:"

Q: According to verse 7, WHY should we be focused like these verses command?

Q: What does the "end" have to do with how we love?

Q: According to verse 8, what does love do? How?

Q: According to verse 9, what does "hospitality" have to do with "love"?

Q: Why is "grumbling" counter-productive to "love"?

Q: Why is NOT "grumbling"....hard?

**(Side Note:** The Greek Word for "grumbling" means: "to complain; to express one's discontent")

Q: Why does "grumbling" undermine our witness?

Q: Is there a way to express your discontent, sadness over an issue, unhappiness with a situation that is NOT "grumbling"? How? Discuss....