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Message: Relationship Matters

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Message-based Study

Connection

What's your favorite thing to do on a rainy day?

Content: We are all in relationships. We build relationships daily with each other, with family, spouses, friends, and with God. These relationships provide support in tough times, allow us to love one another deeply, walk in fellowship, and encourage each other to grow.

When we talk about “Theology of Relationships” we are asking, “God, what do you think about this subject?” The topic of relationships is interwoven throughout Scripture.

The Capacity For Meaningful Relationships

1. Read Genesis 1:26-27. God created us, and we are made in His image, which includes being relational beings. What is significant about the fact that God is a relational being? And how does that shed light on our own relationships?

2. Why is the plural used in verse 26 important?

3. Read 1 John 4:14, John 14:26, and John 16:5-7. How would you describe the interwoven relationship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit based on reading these passages?

The Ability To Have Meaningful Relationships

4. Galatians 4:4-5 reminds us we have a God that so desperately wants to know us. He was sent down to us, lived among us, and died for us. Because of Christ we have the ability to have meaningful relationships with God and each other. What is a meaningful relationship in your life? Has it been flourishing recently?

5. Read Matthew 22:34-40. The most important commandment has to do with relationships. Why do you think Jesus notes both of these commandments as equally important?

The Motive Behind Meaningful Relationships

6. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3. What is the most important aspect of you living out your day-to-day faith?

The Empathy In Meaningful Relationships

7. Jesus says in John 13:34-35, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Why is empathy important in how we show love to others?

Commitment

8. As we go into the world, what is one practical way you will model 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 this week?