

Relationships- WEEK 1: Love God, Love One Another

Day 1

Look at the following scriptures
Matthew 22:36-40

What do these two commands have in common? Jesus emphasizes the importance of relationships.

Christianity is founded on relationships, a relationship with God and our relationships with people in the body as well as relationships with the lost world around us. Jesus states that there is no more important thing in life than these two commands.

With this in mind, how important is it to develop great relationships?

What are some ways that you have seen this already in your life?

Write down some thoughts about how you think that you should put this in practice.

Day 2

Read
John 13:34-35

How should the church be known? Is it possible to call yourself a Christian and not be involved with people?

If this is true, how should you be known?

This command is new in that the love must be in the way Jesus loves.

What is unique about Jesus' love?

Write down some practical ways that you can love more like Jesus.

Day 3

Study
Matthew 28:18-20
Acts 20:17-27

Can you follow Christ without developing relationships?

There are two roles that each of us must perform if we call ourselves Disciples of Christ. The first responsibility is to continue learning and being taught until we become like Jesus. The second is to teach others what we are learning. Both of these roles should work in all relationships. However there are people who know more or less than you and you will commonly fit into one of those roles more appropriately.

Who is helping you to grow? Do they know that you have entrusted them with that responsibility? Are you still hungry to learn? Who are you trying to help?

Day 4

Read

Ephesians 4:11-16

What is the goal of all relationships in the body?

What does it mean to attain to the whole measure of Christ?

How can you tell if your relationships are not healthy?

No matter how old you are as a disciple what are you supposed to do to strengthen the body?

Write down what it means to you to speak the truth in love.

Are you putting this into practice?

Day 5 and 6

Study the following verses.

Colossians 1:28-2:4

Colossians 4:12

2 Timothy 3:16-4:3

What tools do we have for helping each other to grow?

Sharing what you have learned from the scriptures and applied to your life can be a very helpful way to help people.

What can you share today with one of your brothers or sisters? What can you share with the lost?

How much time have you spent praying for each other? Have you made a prayer list?

Our labor is a tool that should never be the limiting step. How hard are you laboring in your relationships? How should you labor?

What does it mean to correct rebuke and encourage? What should we put these commands into practice?

Day 7

Study the following scriptures:

James 3:13-19.

2 Timothy 2:14-18

Not all relationships even in the body are always helpful. How can you tell if a relationship is not healthy?

Note that it is not just the speaking part that is unhealthy; listening is included and destroys those who listen.

What is the fruit of a healthy relationship?

How should you respond if you are involved in a relationship that is not healthy?

Relationships- WEEK 2: Encourage One Another with your Life

Day 1

Read Colossians 3:1-11

A Christ-centered mindset and heart does more than just impact us. As you study this section, look at the impact that living by the earthly nature has on others.

What does it mean to put these qualities and sins to death?

Write down the things in your life that are the most difficult for you to put to death.

Note that in verse 11 it is not just actions but sometimes we have a prejudice that must be put to death as well.

Day 2

Study Colossians 3:12-14

Not only does the earthly nature impact our relationships, but the qualities that we are supposed to clothe ourselves with greatly impact our relationships.

As you study these verses, note that our lives and growth as Christians are manifested not only in our relationship with God but also in the way we treat each other.

List the “clothing” that impacts relationships.

Which one do you see that is most difficult for you to put on and wear regularly?

Talk to someone you see that has this quality and ask them how they developed it.

Day 3 and 4

Read Colossians 3:15-17

So often we find ourselves worried and anxious about relationships. This is not God’s plan for our lives. What is the result of taking off the earthly nature and putting on the clothing of Christ?

Do you feel this peace in your relationships?

Meditate on which qualities are preventing this in your life.

Do you have this kind of gratitude?

How do you demonstrate it to Him?

Pay attention in verse 16 to what is supposed to live inside of us.

Are you spending time studying and meditating on His Word to allow this to happen to you?

What are we supposed to do with the Word that lives inside of us?

A good practical approach is to take one idea from your study, the sermon or class each day meditate on it and share it with others.

Another practical concept is to keep a list of helpful scriptures in your Bible or computer that might be helpful to share in certain situations (a personal topical concordance, talk to Alison about this if you are interested).

Day 5

Read the following scripture: Acts 28:15

Read the background leading up to this verse. If you were Paul, what may have been difficult for you at this point in your life?

What did the brothers do that encouraged him?

It is important for us to learn to think about what other people are going through in order for us to help them.

What did they do that made a difference to Paul? Was it convenient for them? Why did they do it? (Read Colossians 3 again if necessary)

Day 6

Study 2 Corinthians 7: 5-13

What was Paul feeling in verse 5? How did God meet his need?

It is important to see that God works through people to encourage others. Is God trying to use your life to encourage someone? Are you willing to let Him?

Note how their response to the Word, especially their repentance, encouraged people that weren't even with them.

Your response to the Gospel, your growth and your love are impacting people around you right now.

Think of someone that has encouraged you. Go and tell them (or write them a note like Paul did) to encourage them even more.

Day 7

Study 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:9

Look at the power of relationships in these verses.

Note the different ways that the Thessalonians impacted Paul's life.

The knowledge that others here or even in other cities around the world are facing challenges, enduring persecution and sharing their faith is powerful in our lives.

The faithfulness of Shiloh in giving for the missions and the incredible heart of the teens is spurring on others around the world. In what ways could you encourage brothers and sisters around the state? Around the world? Let us continue to grow and encourage one another by our lives as well as making a continual impact around the world.

Relationships- WEEK 3: Encourage One Another

Day 1

Read Hebrews 3:12-15

What does the writer mean to you when he says “see to it”?

How often should we encourage each other?

Why should we encourage each other?

Think about some people that you encourage each day this week and put it into practice.

Set a goal to daily encourage at least one person.

Day 2 and 3

Study Ephesians 4:29-32

It is very important to realize that our words carry great power to build or unfortunately to tear down.

Take some time to write down some things that have been said to you that have strengthened you in some way.

Think about the people that God has put in your life and note their strengths and or areas of growth. Write them a note, give them a call or talk to them in the fellowship this week telling them how they have inspired you.

Reflect back on your conversations over the last few days, have your words been words that are helpful for building others up? Are you letting any unwholesome talk come out of your lips? What is the impact of words that are harmful?

Look carefully at verse 31 and 32, what motives and attitudes should we have as God’s children?

Day 4

Read Hebrews 10:23-25

What does it mean to consider?

List some ways that you can spur one another on?

What are we supposed to spur one another on to do?

Is it okay if you or others miss activities that the church is doing together?

Do you know someone that you need to encourage in these areas?

What is the urgency mentioned in verse 25?

Day 5

Read Philippians 1:12-14

Encouragement does not happen just by our words or saying positive things about each other. Paul encourages brothers and sisters here even when he is not with them by his life.

Each of us has the opportunity to inspire others by our lives.

What are some things that you have seen or heard that have given you courage?

Examples of great inspiration can be found in Hebrews 11, Foxe's book of martyrs or examples here in the church. Write down some of your thoughts and tell someone how their life has given you great courage.

Day 6

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

With what words does Paul tell them to encourage each other with?

How great is it to know that Jesus has been victorious over death AND through Him we too will rise again?

No matter what is happening this will always be true and can be useful to encourage one another.

We will be with the Lord forever!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Day 7

Review the last few weeks of relationship studies.

Look especially at a couple things that you have learned and want to put into practice.

Write down some ideas that are helpful or challenging to you and share them with a brother or sister.

Look up the word encourage in your concordance for other examples.

Meditate and pray about the things that you have learned and studied.

No matter who you are, what you know, what you have or how old you are in Christ or years, you can encourage your brothers and sisters.

Remember it will take a daily commitment for us to develop the lifestyle Jesus calls us to live.

Keep in mind the goal is to grow in our relationships with each other and present each other perfect in Christ.

Relationships- WEEK 4: Humility toward One Another

Day 1 and 2

Read 2 Timothy 3:16- 4:5

Here we read one of the purposes of the scripture in verse 17. What is this purpose? Which disciples in the church does this apply to? Verse 16 and 4:2 give every disciple the responsibility to do what?

As we studied last week, encouragement is vital to all of us, we see here that we have more than a responsibility to encourage if we will remember our goal for relationships in the church (Ephesians 4:12-16).

Why does Paul say that the scriptures should be our basis for correcting and training?

What should our mindset be as we correct, rebuke and encourage?

What does careful instruction mean?

Why do we need to continue to preach and teach this way (verse 3)?

What are you doing to prepare yourself to correct rebuke and encourage?

Do you know some areas that you need to speak up now?

Day 3

Read 1 Peter 5:5-9

Romans 12:10

Philippians 2:3-4

What does it mean to clothe yourself with humility?

It is important to see without humility I am fighting against God. This humility extends past my relationship with Him, but is demonstrated in the way I interact with people.

Are you humble? Are you still a learner? Do you show a genuine interest in other people or are you focused on your own interests and needs?

Day 4

Read Luke 10:38-42

What qualities of Mary demonstrate humility? Jesus is not telling Martha to be irresponsible, but teaching her what is most important. How important is learning to you? What does it mean to sit at someone's feet as they teach? This mindset of pursuing growth and knowledge is critical in our relationship to God. Are you still looking to be coached/taught/trained as a disciple of Jesus?

Are you still seeking like Paul in Philippians 3:7-14?

Day 5 and 6

Read Acts 8: 26-40

What do you notice about the attitude of the Eunuch? What is the result of this attitude?

How does he demonstrate a teachable heart?

Are you still asking questions to learn and strengthen your faith?

A good practice is to write down questions as you read and go through your week. In this way you can discuss them in the fellowship and learn together.

It is critical to note that his seeking did not end with his questions. Note that true humility and seeking follow knowledge by acting on it. Look at his eager and urgent response.

Are you still responding with action? If so you will never stop growing.

Examine Philip's example of teaching. Remember in 2 Timothy 3:16 that we are supposed to use the scriptures to teach and train. We must not only be humble, eager learners but have the responsibility to teach one another in love. What qualities does Philip demonstrate as a teacher?

Day 7

Read Acts 2:36-47

How are the principles of learning and teaching demonstrated? Did the hearers listen only or follow up with action? Did the new disciples continue in humility? How is this demonstrated? What qualities of a great teacher are demonstrated by Peter?

If you consider the listeners it would have been easy for them to have a problem with pride because of their spiritual knowledge and commitment. In our society we run into the same problem with religious pride. How can we prevent this in our own lives?

As we share the gospel with others the need to use the scriptures (2 Timothy 3:

Relationships- WEEK 5: Correct, Train, Admonish One Another

Last week we examined our need for each other in our lives and the necessity of humility and a genuine desire to grow. This week we will look into our need to correct, admonish, rebuke and train one another.

Day 1

Read 2 Kings 5:1-15

Look carefully at the interaction of Naaman with everyone. Remember the steps that demonstrate true humility as you review last week's relationship concept:

- A recognition (admitting) that you have a need.
- A willingness to seek input.
- A willingness to listen to the input.
- Actually responding and putting into practice what you have learned.

Naaman has input from several people and responds differently to them. At first he seems humble and is willing to seek input after he acknowledges he has a need.

Why does he not listen to Elijah? Are there times you may seek out input or acknowledge a need and are not willing to put it into practice?

Look at the courage of the servants in verse 13. Why were they willing to risk the wrath and possible punishment of Naaman? What would have happened to Naaman if no one had the courage to speak to him? Think about those around you that you can help. Keep in mind that Naaman's servants were not the ones in authority or power but they still cared enough to try to help.

Day 2

Review Colossians 1:28-29 and Ephesians 4:11-16

What is the goal of our relationships in Christ? Who is supposed to do the work?

Review 2 Timothy 3:16

What does it mean to correct, rebuke and train? Can you think of examples where this happens in the world?

Why is it so important that we get involved and speak to our brothers?

Read Galatians 5:20-21. Is eternity worth correcting our brothers and sisters?

Is there someone that you need to help?

Day 3

Read Galatians 2:11-14

How does Paul apply the information studied on Day 2?

What reasons might Paul have for not getting involved?

What keeps you from getting involved?

What is Paul's motive for speaking?

Day 4 and 5

Read Leviticus 19:7, Ezekiel 33:1-9, Acts 20:25-27, Luke 17:3

What do these four scripture references teach us about our responsibilities to each other? What is God's expectation for us? Are we responsible for a brother or sister that refuses input?

To find out why it is so important read Joshua 7.

It is obvious how much impact one man's sin can have on so many. It seems very harsh as you read the story, but keep in mind how the families felt that lost family members in the battle against Ai? If the sin were not dealt with, what else may have happened?

Remember that it is critical that the Jews go into the Promised Land and defeat Ai in order to bring us the Savior.

Day 6

Read Ephesians 4:15-16

What does this verse tell us to do? Is it okay if we do not speak?

Is it acceptable if we do not speak in love? What does it mean to speak the truth?

Each step is important to achieve the result in verse 15 and 16.

Are you willing to speak the truth in love to help God's church and your brothers and sisters? Do you know someone that you need to speak to now?

Day 7

Read 2 Timothy 2:22-25

Instead of quarrelling, what are we supposed to do? I have found it very helpful in my discussions to stop trying to prove myself right and make sure that I am teaching others about Jesus. Therefore, using the scriptures is a critical component of any spiritual discussion. It is also very important to remember who has taken them captive and that the goal is to get others to repentance. Note the words: instruct, resentful, gentleness and kindness. These words are very important to keep in your heart as you teach and admonish one another.

Relationships- WEEK 6: Unity with One Another

It is an incredible gift from God to be part of his family with a purpose and a partnership.

Relationships grow deeper as we work side by side in unity for a common purpose.

Day 1

Read Philippians 1:27-30

What are they supposed to do together? What is it that unites the brothers and sisters? What does it mean to contend? What does it mean when Paul says “as one man for the faith of the gospel”? What impact does this unity of purpose have on the disciples? What impact does this unity of purpose have on the lost?

Day 2

Read Hebrews 10:32-39

As you read through this section, notice how the brothers and sisters treated each other.

What happened when one of them was facing persecution? What does it mean to know that you do not have to deal alone with the attack of the world? How can you show your brothers and sisters support when there is no persecution? Think of times in your life when someone has been willing to stand with or for you. How did that make you feel? Are you doing this now for your brothers and sisters?

Day 3

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

What part is the most important in the body? Does everyone have the same abilities? What happens if everyone wants to do the same job? What happens if parts complain?

What happens if one part doesn't give their best? When one part is hurting or rejoicing, does it impact the others? What is your attitude in the body of Christ? Remember that there is only one head - Jesus! Are you thankful for the opportunities that God gives you in his body? Do you serve cheerfully?

Day 4

Read Ephesians 4:1-6

Philippians 2:1-5

How hard should you work at being unified? What does “Make every effort” mean? How does this say that we should interact with each other in verse 2 of each chapter? Does this describe your thoughts as part of the body?

Read Mark 2:1-5

Notice how they worked together. What kind of effort did they make for their friend?

Note how their action was a reflection of their faith. Do you have the faith to trust Jesus with your best effort? Can your brothers and sisters count on you carrying them?

Day 5

Read Philippians 2:25, Philemon 1:2

Why does Paul call these brothers “fellow soldiers”? What are they battling against? Sometimes do we make the mistake of engaging in battles with each other instead of recognizing the real enemy? Nothing makes us closer than fighting together with each other against the evil one. Are you fighting for and with each other for the cause of the gospel?

Day 6

Luke 10:1, Mark 6:7

Why does Jesus send them out two by two? What support can we give each other? Are you working side by side with your brothers and sisters? How well will we do if we try to go into the battle alone? Are you supporting your brothers and sisters this way?

Day 7

Read Matthew 18:19, Colossians 4:12, Ephesians 6:19-20, 1 Sam 12:23

We can fight for and with each other in many ways. Prayer is a way we can fight together every day, no matter what else is going on in our lives. Can we count on each other for this? Does Paul say it makes a difference? Does Jesus believe it makes a difference? What is the mindset of Epaphras? PRAY together and for each other!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Relationships- WEEK 7: Be kind to One Another

As Disciples of Christ, what do people see and feel from their interaction with us?

Day 1

Read Luke 6:35, Acts 14:17

How does God treat us? Do we deserve God's kindness?

Take some time to write down all the ways that God has shown kindness to you.

Think about your circumstances compared to those of other people. Think about your knowledge of Jesus. Think about your access to the Word and His Church.

Day 2

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4, Ephesians 4:32, 1 Thessalonians 5:15, 2 Timothy 2:24

What is love without kindness? Would people describe you as kind? Is your answer the same if you include everyone you know or that you come into contact with?

What do you think he means when he says "always" in Thessalonians?

Day 3

Read 2 Peter 1:4-9

Can we grow in our kindness? What impact does it have on our spiritual life if we are not growing in our kindness? Could lack of kindness keep me from being effective in Christ? What impact should the fact that our sins have been forgiven have on our kindness to our brothers?

Day 4

Read Romans 16:16, 1 Corinthians 16:20, 2 Corinthians 13:12, 1 Thessalonians 5:26 and 1 Peter 5:14.

How should we greet each other? As you read this, do you think they greeted everyone this way, or did they show extra warmth to their brothers and sisters? Although each culture is different, the key is that we show warmth, kindness and love as we greet each other as we are unified in Christ. Do you show this to visiting brothers and sisters? How warm are you when you visit other disciples? Remember we are supposed to be known for our love for one another.

Day 5

Mark 12:35-37, Philippians 2:1-4 and 20

What impact does it have when someone listens with delight? What if someone interrupts or does not pay attention? Are you a great listener? Do you care what other people say? Does it show by your interaction?

Do you consider others better than yourself? Do you know the interests of others?

Do you show a genuine interest in others?

Day 6

Luke 7:11-13

What did Jesus feel? How did he know what was going on? Was Jesus focused on himself or on others? Wouldn't it have been easier to not get involved?

We cannot do some of the things that Jesus did, but acts of kindness and interest in other's lives make a powerful impact. Are you looking for opportunities to show kindness to others?

Day 7

Read Matthew 26:6-13

How do you think this woman felt when others were complaining? How do you think she felt after Jesus defended her? What impact did her kindness have on Jesus?

What impact did her kindness have on all eternity? Kindness makes a difference. It is a way we can show God's love with our hands, our words and our steps. Let's be a people of kindness. Love is kind!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Relationships – WEEK 8: Forgive One Another

One of the most powerful and yet most difficult things for us to master is forgiveness. Learning to forgive others changes our lives spiritually, socially and physically. Extending forgiveness and understanding forgiveness brings us closer to the cross and more and more like Jesus.

Day one

Read: Numbers 14:18

Psalms 103: 1-14

- 1) What can we learn about the way God describes himself in Numbers 14?
- 2) What does He want you to think about when you think about who He is?
- 3) Look at Psalms 103, think of all the ways that God extends His kindness and forgiveness to man.

Day two

Read: Matthew 6:14-15, James 2:12-13, Mark 11:25, Luke 6:37

- 1) How important is it for us to forgive others?
- 2) What is the result in my life if I am unwilling to forgive others?
- 3) Are there people I need to forgive?

Day 3

Read: Matthew 5:23,24

Matthew 18: 15-17

- 1) If my brother in Christ sins against me, what am I required to do?
- 2) If there is a problem in that he will not listen, what is the next step?
- 3) Does everyone always repent?
- 4) If the sinner does not know there is a problem, how can he repent?

Day 4

Read: Matthew 18:21-35

- 1) What is Jesus comparing the king's canceling the debt to? (look in verse 35)
- 2) How many times has Jesus forgiven you?
- 3) Are you quick to forgive your brothers?
- 4) Does this mean that I should just forgive and not bother talking with my brother? (look at 18:15)
- 5) What does Jesus mean when He says "from the heart"?

Day 5

Read: Ephesians 4:25-32,
James 1:19,20

- 1) Is anger always sin?
- 2) What are some characteristics of godly and worldly anger (Look in Ephesians at verse 26, 29, and contrast 31 and 32. Look at James 1 from this perspective)
- 3) What is the result of anger that is not dealt with? (look at Ephesians 4:27)
- 4) Make a list of the difference between godly and worldly anger and examine your life and see how anger impacts your life.
- 5) One of the keys to godly and worldly anger is how quickly we address the problem. How long does it take for you to deal with your anger?

Day 6

Read Acts : 18-23, Hebrews 12:15, Romans 3:13,14

- 1) What does bitterness do to us?
- 2) What should I do if I detect bitterness in a brother or sister?
- 3) What will happen if bitterness is not dealt with?

Day 7

Read: Colossians 3:13,14; Luke 23:32-43; Romans 5:8

- 1) How does Jesus demonstrate His love?
- 2) What was the motive of Christ's forgiveness when He was being crucified? How about the thief on the cross or us?
- 3) How should we forgive others?
- 4) Why should we forgive others?

Relationships- WEEK 9: Teachers and Learners

Jesus is known throughout the Bible as a teacher. Even his enemies addressed him as "Teacher". He has given us the charge to be students and teachers as we interact together. This week think about your role as a teacher and how you can fulfill Jesus' desire that we teach one another.

Day 1

Matthew 28:16-20

Luke 6:40

- 1) What two roles do all of us have as disciples?
- 2) As a student when will I be done learning?
- 3) If I decide not to teach or continue to be a learner, who and what authority am I rejecting?
- 4) Do you have people in your life today to fulfill Jesus' commands in these two areas?

Day 2

Luke 18:9-14

- 1) What kind of teacher do you think the Pharisee would be?
- 2) What problems do you see in his attitude?
- 3) Is it more important to him that he is better than someone else or closer to God?
- 4) What kind of impact do you think that the attitude of the Pharisee would have on the tax collector?
- 5) What areas in your life do you see pride the strongest?

Day 3

Luke 17:10

Philippians 2:5-8

Acts 17:11

Romans 12:3-8

- 1) How did Jesus see himself?
- 2) How do you see yourself?
- 3) Who is responsible for your talents?
- 4) Are you using the gifts God gave you to serve others?

Day 4

Acts 17:11

- 1) Are you still an eager learner?
- 2) What have you learned in the past week in your walk with God or people?
- 3) Share with someone in fellowship what you have been learning.

Day 5

Luke 18:15-17

John 4:4-9

Luke 7:36-50

Luke 7:33-35

- 1) Jesus is called a friend of sinners, what does that mean?
- 2) What was his goal for all sinners? Are you making an impact on the world or are they impacting you more?
- 3) Jesus is willing to teach all types of people because he cares and pays attention to their lives and needs. As you interact with people on a daily basis, are you aware of their needs?
- 4) A teacher that cares is much more effective than a teacher with knowledge but does not show an interest in the students. Are you showing a genuine concern for others?

Day 6

Matthew 4:4

Mark 3:20,21 and 31,32

John 4:32-35

Luke 6:45

- 1) What is the most important thing in the life of Jesus?
- 2) What did Jesus teach about?
- 3) A teacher cannot really conceal what is most important in his heart, what comes out of the overflow of your heart as you teach?

Day 7

Luke 24:13-35 especially verse 32

Jeremiah 20:9

- 1) When the brothers were discouraged, what helped them get their fire back? What did they do as soon as Jesus lit the fire in their hearts?
- 2) As you teach your brothers you also can encourage others and light a fire in their hearts.
- 3) Is Jesus' Word in you like a burning fire?
- 4) Can you hold back the fire that Jesus has planted in your heart? Who will be pleased if I keep silent?

Relationships- WEEK 10: Lord of All

In week 10 of our relationship studies, think about your priority for all relationships. The most important thing is that with everyone, Jesus is Lord. This changes the way you view others and work with others. There is no relationship that is not impacted by the Lordship of Christ. We have learned certain patterns of dealing with others based on worldly training and philosophies. Think about your relationships through the eyes and steps of the Lordship of Christ.

Day 1

Read Romans 13:8-14

- 1) How important is it that we love one another?
- 2) Is there ever a time when this debt of love will be completely paid?
- 3) Look at verse 14 and consider the impact of clothing yourself with Christ in all your interactions.

Day 2, 3, 4

Read 2 Corinthians 5:6-6:10

This is a longer reading and I encourage you to take some time to study the principles and challenge your heart, mindset and action.

- 1) Look closely at verses 9, 13, 14, 15 in Chapter 5 and examine the motives for living as a Christian.
 - A) What is your goal?
 - B) What is our motive?
 - C) Since He died for us, who should we live for? (This is another way of saying that Jesus is Lord)
 - D) In verse 13, is Paul living for himself? If not, he mentions two others that he is living for. Who are they?
- 2) Since Jesus is Lord of our relationships, we are supposed to change the way we view other people (verse 16).
 - A) How should I view others differently? (look at verse 11, 6:3)
 - B) How should I view myself and my responsibility? (5:18-20 and 6:3-10)
 - C) What happens if I do not live in a way that an ambassador should (6:3)
- 3) There is a time factor to consider as well as I view others now as an ambassador of Christ.
 - A) Look in verse 10 and note why we must make Jesus Lord of all our relationships.
 - B) Look at 6:1,2 also and note the view Paul has on the urgency of our decisions.

Day 5 and 6

Read Colossians 2:8

Romans 12:1-3

Ephesians 4:17-5:20

- 1) We learn to have relationships first in the world, and therefore the way we handle them often is not the way that Christ would want us to live but what we have learned from worldly examples. What worldly patterns have impacted your relationships?

- 2) Look at Ephesians 4: 22-24. We are not only supposed to get rid of the worldly patterns but to do what else?
- 3) Notice the impact of these new patterns of living in Ephesians 4:25-5:20.
- 4) Write down all the different ways our new life should change and the way we should change them to walk in the light. (for example, language, sexuality)
- 5) Note the words “insist”, “not even a hint” and “have nothing to do with”, why does Paul say this? Are you that serious about your relationships?
- 6) What does Paul say in Ephesians 5:7? What do you think that means?

Day 7

Read Proverbs 4:19-5:14

- 1) Verse 23 is a critical scripture in our relationships. What does this verse teach us about our hearts?
- 2) How quickly do you give your heart away?
- 3) What does this section teach about the way you walk and what you should be looking at?
- 4) What do these verses teach about discretion in your relationships?

Relationships- WEEK 11: Confident and Unashamed

Day 1

1 Corinthians 15:3-11

- 1) What support is given here for the resurrection?
- 2) Why does Paul say he does not deserve what God has given him? Do you sometimes feel the same?
- 3) Look at verse 10. What is it that allows God and Paul to look at Paul in a different way? (not as a persecutor)
- 4) What impact does the grace have on the life of Paul?

Day 2

Read 1 John 2:28

Hebrews 4:14-16

- 1) Do you feel confident and unashamed before the throne of God?
- 2) Notice that the throne of God is called the throne of what?
- 3) What are we to hold firmly to in order to give us this confidence?
- 4) What qualities does Jesus show in verse 15 that help us understand his love and concern for us?

Day 3

Read Colossians 1:19-23

Revelation 12:9-11

- 1) Who is the accuser?
- 2) How often does he accuse?
- 3) What is it that makes us free from accusation?
- 4) The blood of Christ has power over Satan's accusations. How else does His blood impact the way God sees us?

Day 4

Read Hebrews 10: 10-14

- 1) In verse 10, how does the sacrifice of Christ and his blood impact us?
- 2) What do you think once for all means? (look also at verse 12)
- 3) Look at verse 14. What happens through the sacrifice of Christ? How long does it last?
- 4) Meditate on the impact of the sacrifice of Christ and the impact of how it changes the way we are seen by God. This is one of the most powerful things in the scriptures and will change the way you live. Don't miss this concept. Discuss this with others. Ask questions and write it on your heart.

Day 5

Read 1 John: 5-10

- 1) What does the blood of Christ do in this section of scripture?
- 2) Which sins does the blood of Christ work on?
- 3) Do I have to live sin free in order to receive continual forgiveness?
- 4) What do I need to do to allow Christ's blood to continually purify me?

Day 6

Read Psalm 103

- 1) In verse 2, which sins does God forgive?
- 2) In verse 4, where is my life when God crowns me with love and compassion?
- 3) How is God described in verse 8?
- 4) Read verse 10 -12 and think about how far God removes our sins from us.

Day 7

Read Titus 2:11-14

Titus 3:3-8

- 1) What impact should God's grace have on me? (verse 2:12,14 and 3:8)
- 2) Why did Jesus give himself for us?
- 3) Why did Jesus save us?

4) Jesus saved us not through our righteousness, but how does Paul say we are saved?
(3:5) What is the washing referring to? (look at Acts 2:38 and Acts 22:16)