

## The Art of Relationships || Great Relationships

### Group Notes

#### INTRODUCTION

Great relationships come from following the One who created relationships. Usually when we think about how a relationship can be better, we are thinking about how the other person needs to change. God wants us to look in the mirror first. If all your relationships are bad, you are the common denominator. Take responsibility. Repent, apologize, and change. We are all born relational idiots, we are born selfish. Jesus can lead us out to a better way.

#### CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. What do you value most in a friendship?
2. In what ways do you feel trust within a friendship?

#### SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your message notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

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#### GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Is there anyone you have wronged and what steps can you take to make it right?
2. Relationships are important to Jesus. Read what Jesus says in [Matthew 5:23-24](#).
  - a. What stands out to you from these verses?
  - b. Based on these words, what do we know about Jesus?
  - c. What do you sense God wants you to do?
3. "I'm sorry for all the mean, awful, accurate things I said"
  - a. Have you ever received a bad apology? How did that make you feel? What did it do for your relationship with that person?
  - b. Have you ever received a good apology? How did it make you feel? What did it do for your relationship with that person?
  - c. Share about a time when you had to apologize for something you had done. What did you say? What was the outcome?
4. Read [Proverbs 27:9](#)
  - a. What does this mean?
  - b. What does it mean for you?
5. How have you evolved as a friend over time? What aspects of your personality or behavior have shifted or grown?

6. Is there a relationship in your life you need to invest in? Who is that person, and what can you do differently?

## PRAYER

End your group time in prayer. You can use your own words or pray this prayer:

*God, thank you for showing us what great relationships look like by your love for us. Help us to be courageous in making things right with those we have wronged. Help us to love one another in the same way you have loved us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Check out the Loving God, Loving People Podcast this week. Chad and Robert talk about giving and receiving love. [CLICK HERE](#)
- We are never more like Jesus than when we give and serve. Serve Day is coming up THIS weekend on Saturday, September 9 and is a great opportunity for you, as a group, to [sign up](#) and serve together! We have provided you with many options to choose from! Get your group signed up today!