Deeper Study Guide

Series: Relationships Matter to God!
Study: *Purpose-driven Relationships*
Scripture: Genesis 2.18
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Objective: to understand the purpose of our relationship and become intentional about how we contribute to one another's growth, well-being and fulfillment of God's purposes.

Study: Purpose-Driven Relationships

1. Two types of relationships

a) _____ relationships serve the **means** through which God **connects** people together to accomplish His purposes and carry out His design for creation.

b) _____ relationships are connections that lack purpose, intentionality, or meaningful contribution to one another's lives.
- No clear direction or purpose
- Exists primarily for personal benefit or convenience
- Do not encourage growth or positive influence
- Do not contribute to God's purposes or reflect His design

Reflection: Can you identify any meaningless relationships in your life that have no clear purpose or direction?

2. Original Purpose-driven Relationship - Genesis 2.18

a) **What is God saying to us through Scripture?**
- It was not good for man to be alone (isolated)
- He makes a helper just right for him
- We need relationships to fulfill His purpose

b) **What does it reveal to us?**
- We were not designed to live in isolation
- We need others to come alongside us
- We have a responsibility to one another

c) **What is life-changing about this Scripture?**
- I should live with meaningful purpose
- I should value the people God brings into my life
- I should recognize that I need others, and others need me

d) **How do I apply it?**
- Recognize how I complement others to fulfill purpose
- Consider how my influence benefits others
- Invest in relationships, not just interacting with people

Core idea: God designed purpose-driven relationships to connect us with one another, complement one another, and give us the opportunities to make a meaningful difference in each other's lives as we accomplish His purposes together.

3. Three Principles of Purpose-Driven Relationships: Connection=Purpose=Direction

a) _____: Relationships *connect us*.

'God *brought* a woman to the man, to become part of each other's lives, share life's experiences, build trust, and to accomplish God's purposes according to His design. God connects us in purpose-driven relationships to create opportunities for us to know one another, share experiences, build trust, and become part of each other's lives.'

b) _____: Relationships connect us for *a purpose*.

'God created woman as a helper, the right complement for Adam to help Him fulfill God's purposes according to His design.'

We don't *simply* connect with one another; we connect with purpose to encourage, support, teach, learn from, and positively influence one another to accomplish God's purposes and His design for our lives.'

c) _____: Relationships with purpose have *direction*.

God connected Eve to Adam, gave them a purpose that gave them a direction together to share life, become one, be fruitful and multiply, and fulfill God's purposes according to His design. Purpose determines the direction of the relationship; where it is going and what it is intended to accomplish.

When you understand the purpose of a relationship, you determine how to invest in one another, and what you hope to accomplish through the relationship.'

Core idea: God designed relationships not merely for connection, but for meaningful partnership-to share life, contribute to one another's well-being, and fulfill God's purposes together according to His design.

NOW WORD: God called us together *in Christ*, to complement one another, for a meaningful partnership-to share life, contribute to one another's well-being, and fulfill God's purposes together according to His design.

4. Building a Purpose-driven Relationship - Name the relationship: _____and answer the questions to assess how to build a purpose-driven relationship:

a) *What are we trying to accomplish?* (Purpose)

b) *Why does this relationship matter?* (Value)

c) *What does it take to develop this relationship?* (Investment)

d) *How does this relationship sharpen me?* (Growth)

e) *Is this relationship moving toward God's purposes?* (Direction)

Purpose-Driven Relationships

Rate each relationship based on (1-10) how it influences your values, beliefs, attitude, and lifestyle, that leads to your growth in Christ and His purposes according to His design for your life.

1=Negative influence – **5** = Mixed influence – **10** = Positive influence

Parents
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Spouse
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Family (Siblings)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Friends
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Personal Growth
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Church Community
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Mentors
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Social Networks
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Professional
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Note: A low rating does not mean you need to end a relationship. It may indicate a need for honest communication, intentional change, or healthy boundaries may be needed. Know that not every relationship has the same level of purpose or commitment in your walk in Christ.