Deeper Study Guide

Series: Relationships Matter to God!
Study: Our Relational Culture - Life-changing!
Scripture: Genesis 2.18
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Objective: to understand the purpose of our relationship and become intentional about how we build a culture that contribute to one another's growth, well-being, and fulfillment of God's purposes.

Introduction: Genesis 2.18

- It is **not good** for man to be alone (isolated).
- I will make a **helper** comparable to him (companion).
- God connects us to one another to **fulfill** His purpose.

What is **life-changing** about this Scripture? You begin to recognize how you complement others to fulfill purpose and begin to invest in relationships, not just interacting with people.

Cultural Thought: Relationships are not accidental or disposable; they are part of God's design and purpose for my life.

Our Culture:

1. God's design for relationships: God designed **purpose**-driven relationships to connect us with one another, to complement one another, and to make a difference in each other's lives as we share our lives and accomplish His purposes together in Christ.

Relationships are based on connection, purposes, and direction:

a) _____: links people together – Relationships bring people together to know one another, share experiences, build trust, and become part of each other's lives.

b) _____: gives people a reason to connect – Relationships allow people to discover the intent of their connection, complement one another, and work together to accomplish something meaningful together.

c) _____: gives people path to follow - Relationships continue as long as people are moving in the same direction to help one another achieve shared goals.

Two types of relationships:

a) _____ relationships: People are intentionally connected by God to do something greater than themselves by contributing meaningfully to one another's lives and fulfilling the mission of the church and God's purposes in the world.

b) _____ relationships: People are together without a meaningful understanding of why they are connected or what they are contributing to one another's lives, having little or no connection to God's mission and purposes in Christ.

2. Life-changing relationship: Our relationship with Christ is life-changing when we allow His Word to transform our minds and shape our thoughts according to His will. **WORD**: Romans 12.2. (NLT)

Cultural Belief: We believe our relationship with Christ is life-changing as we allow His Word to replace our thoughts with His, transforming our minds to know His will, and shaping our lives and relationships to reflect what is good, pleasing, and perfect to Him.

3. Our Relational Formation with God:

a) Know God _____: to develop a close relationship with Him through knowing His person (character), His Word (what He says), His ways (how he operates), His heart (what matters), and His Spirit (work within you).

b) Experience God's presence _____: to recognize He is with you through your dependence on Him through prayer, hearing His voice, and walking in obedience.

c) Partner with God _____: to participate in the works of His mission, fulfilling His purposes through your life and church.

Cultural Belief: We believe that our relationship with God should shape every part of our lives. We are committed to knowing God personally, experiencing His presence daily, and partnering with Him faithfully to fulfill His purposes on earth.

4. Our Church Relational Formation

a) We're in _____ relationship – In Christ, we *belong* to God and to one another in covenant relationship expressed in His body, the church. 'We mutually commit to promote, protect, and prosper our church family to fulfill His mission and support one another's spiritual growth and care so that no one must walk alone.' **WORD**: I Corinthians 10:16 (NLT)

b) We cultivate Christ-_____ relationships – We live out our relationship in Christ in how we treat one another in love, truth, and grace, just like Christ treats us. **WORD**: 1 John 4.11 (NKJV)

Cultural Belief: We believe that God has brought us together in Christ to live in covenant relationship with one another, committed to loving one another as Christ has loved us.

5. Our ministry of reconciliation: We're called to reconcile the world to God through Christ and reconcile with one another when our relationships are broken. **WORD**: 2 Corinthians 5.19

Cultural Belief: We believe we are called to Christ's mission of reconciling the world to God, extending that same ministry to one another through love, grace, forgiveness, and restoring relationships when we offend one another.