

I. Relationships 101

A. God's Take on Relationships

- 1. We are most like God when we are expressing and experiencing love _____.
- 2. Healthy relationships are God's _____ and Satan's _____.
- 3. We are who we are today in large part due to our _____.

B. Our Mistakes with Relationships

- 1. All relationships break down because humanity is universally _____.
- 2. God views relationships as a tool for _____, while we view relationships as a tool for _____.

 - a. Your relationships will result in either _____ or _____.
 - b. Until our goal for relationships is the same as God's goal, we will experience mostly _____.

- 3. We cannot have a successful relationship with _____ void of a successful relationship with _____.

- a. The _____ we have in relationships directly correlates with the _____ we have with God.
- b. _____ is the oil of all healthy relationships.

II. The Shepherd and the Sheep

A. Follow the Leader

John 10:1-11

"I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. ³The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

- 1. For sheep the _____ and the _____ are following is not based on _____ but on _____.
- 2. You will never _____ consistently what you do not _____ passionately.

3. One of the most exciting things of the Christian journey is the _____ of the _____.

4. God's goal for your life is not just to get you out of the _____, but to lead you to _____.

5. Sheep understand _____ = _____.

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B. Leaving the Pen

Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.

who 1. _____ is the confidence that God is he said he is and he will do what he said he will do.

2. Faith always has an _____.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

3. The object must have _____.

4. Authentic faith is not trying to get something *from* God but _____ to God.

Week One: Tightening the Knot

5. Faith has nothing to do with your _____ but _____ everything to do with _____.