



RELATIONSHIP PLAYBOOK

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LOVING OTHERS

ICE BREAKER

- How have your relationships been impacted by COVID in the last 6 months?
- Share an example of something that has been confusing about how we are to relate to one another during COVID (Gathering? Etiquette? Masks? Hugs?...)

READ

Ephesians 4:1-3 (NLT)

'Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. '

QUESTION TO CONSIDER

Pastors Andy & Stacie said, "When I'm confused, when life is uncertain, I must stand on what is clear." Even though the apostle Paul was in a difficult and confusing situation, what priorities were clear to him from this passage?

READ

Ephesians 4:22-29 (NLT)

'You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on

the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin" : Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. '



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Share some practical ways you can put vs. 22-24 into practice. How can you replace your old nature with a new one?
2. How can you allow the Spirit to renew your thoughts and attitudes? How do you need to do this in your own life today? Will you Invite Him in and ask Him to do this in you today?
3. You can't just stop doing a bad habit, you must replace it with something better. Which of the vices listed here (or others like food, laziness, porn...) do you struggle with most? How can you "throw off" those habits? How can living openly and honestly with others (in your group, friends, family, ...) help? What should you "Put on" instead?
4. Keep short accounts. How hard is it for you to speak the truth in love? Why?
5. Who do you need to speak some truth to? Do you have any relationship(s) to clear up?
6. What are you doing to build people up lately? Who can you support and encourage this week?



PRAYER

Share prayer requests and pray

Father thank you for showing us how to love one another. May the love you have put in our hearts result in loving actions and caring for each other, even when it's hard. Convince us of the ways you want to change us and make us more loving people. Give us courage to do the hard things that love and change requires, like reaching out to others. We invite you Holy Spirit to renew our thoughts and attitudes so we can be free to pursue all that you want from and for us God! In Jesus name, Amen.