

Introduction

Read: John 4:7-15

1. What does a healthy and successful relationship look like? Today, many external sources like the media portray skewed images of how relationships should be.
2. We can understand how a successful relationship is designed to look like when we look at our relationship with God.
3. Therefore, we can build successful relationships by prioritising our relationship with God.
4. We prioritise our relationship with God by surrendering our relationships to Him!
5. Today, we will be exploring how to surrender our relationships to God!

I. Recognise That God Gave Us Our Relationships

A. The Samaritan woman did not recognise who Jesus was (v9).

She did not know that God could give her living water – spiritual life that she needed in her relationships (v10)!

B. Believe that God will and can satisfy all our emotional needs!

E.g. Eternal life, joy, peace, contentment in life

C. Acknowledge that all relationships come from Him so He knows what's best for us (read 1 John 4:19)!

D. Come before God in prayer to seek His will in our relationships instead of relying on our feelings or the opinions of friends.

II. Flee From Negative Relationship Influences

A. The Samaritan woman had gone into multiple relationships that didn't help her, but harmed her (John 4:18).

B. Guard our relationships against the wrong mindsets and desires.

Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.

- 2 Timothy 2:22

C. Don't allow small compromises in our relationships to harm our relationship with God!

Discuss!

Connect group leader to facilitate sharing with the Connect Group members.

What are some decisions we can make to resist compromises in our relationships?

- *Avoid watching inappropriate movies which portray relationships wrongly*
- *Reject negative advice from the wrong company*
- *Spend time reading the Word of God to understand His ways*

D. Distinguish what is not acceptable by asking ourselves if this is what Jesus would do.

III. Chase After God Wholeheartedly

A. Jesus explained that anyone who comes to Him will be satisfied because He is our ultimate source (v14).

B. Focus on availing ourselves to serve God.

E.g. Be discipled, be a leader, preach the gospel, consolidate someone.

C. Prioritise spending time with God by arranging our timetables around our devotions, church services, youth meetings, etc.

D. Honour and be accountable to godly leaders placed above us (read Hebrews 13:17).

Confide in our leaders our struggles and seeking them for advice.

Conclusion

1. We need to recognise that our God is sovereign and He is the person who holds our future in His hands.
2. In order to have a future successful relationship, it involves surrender and we should run away from negative influences.
3. We should surrender ourselves to the calling of God and pursue Him wholeheartedly.

Prayer Points:

- a) Pray that we will understand God's love and plan for our lives.
- b) Pray for courage to flee evil temptations and to discern negative influences.
- c) Pray that we will surrender all our relationships to God, so that He can have the first priority in our lives.

**Give opportunities for visitors to receive Christ and members to re-dedicate their lives to Jesus.*