

i Quit!

- Sometimes we have to quit doing **one** thing so we can start doing the **right** thing.
- Stop **coming** to church and start **being** the church.
- Being the **church** relies on building **relationships**.
Christ died for us, so that we could live with him, whether we are alive or dead when he comes. That's why you must encourage and help each other, just as you are already doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:10-11 CEV

Building relationships means:

- Stepping out of **comfort**.

I will make the blind walk a road they don't know, and I will guide them in paths they don't know. But I will make darkness before them into light and rough places into level ground. These things I will do; I won't abandon them.

Isaiah 42:16 CEB

- Possibly experiencing **disappointment**.

But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Luke 22:60-62 ESV

- Taking **time** and **patience**.

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.

Ephesians 4:2-3 NLT

God created us for relationships:

- To do **life** together.

Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep.

Romans 12:15 NLT

- To be **accountable**.

As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.
Proverbs 27:17 NLT

- To **grow** spiritually.

Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment,...

1 Peter 2:2 NLT

Application:

- Practical - Be **involved**.
- Spiritual - Ask God to **reveal** new **relationships**.



**TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE
IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH
JESUS.**

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Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture (or point) spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday?
- Do you agree with the statement: "Being the church relies on building relationships."? Explain why or why not.
- Does it make you uncomfortable to approach someone new? Why?
- There are four personality types we discussed in the Talk (Phlegmatic, Melancholic, Sanguine, and Choleric). Which one do you think describes you?
- Have you ever experienced disappointment in a relationship? How can we move past the hurt and still maintain the importance of building relationships?
- We were meant to do life together. What are some ways we can rely on having relationships within the church (i.e. prayer, encouragement, advice, etc.)?
- Is it important to be held accountable? Explain.
- How can we seek out accountability for ourselves within the church?
- What are some areas you can grow in spiritually? Explain.
- What areas can you be start being involved in to build relationships in and outside the church?

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