

Relationships in Life John 15

Introduction, Restart

It is easy for any organization to drift from its mission.
Why do we do church? What are we doing here?

Background

John 13-17 the Upper Room Discourse, the final teaching session of Jesus

John 13, Serve One Another

The mental attitude, Phil 2:3-4

The action, Gal 5:13 through _____, _____ one another

vs 34 a new commandment, _____ one another

John 15, Living Out Relationships in our Life

Life is about Relationships, God is relational, He created us to be relational

Our Relationship, (Fellowship) with God, vs 1-11

vs 1-3 A word picture of the Vine and the Branches, a branch is to _____

vs 4 _____ in Me, imperative mood, a command

vs 7-10 How? The Words of Christ abiding in us, Prayer, and _____

vs 10 *If you keep my commandments, you will abide in My love...*

vs 8 *My Father is glorified by this, that you **bear much fruit**,
and so prove to be My disciples.*

Our Relationship with Other Believers, vs 12-17

This is My Commandment: _____ one another!

Just as I have loved you. What does God's love look like? Rom 5:8

Our Relationship with the World, vs 18-27

vs 18 We can expect the world to _____ us, because the world hates Jesus.

vs 22 *but now, they have no excuse for their sin*, Jesus exposes our sin

However;

vs 26 Jesus will send (has sent, Acts 2) the Helper, the Spirit of Truth, the Holy Spirit
He will testify about Me, John 16:5-15

μαρτυρεω to bear witness, to testify, predicated on personal experience

vs 27 and you also testify, because you were with Me...

The believer, along with the Holy Spirit, is to bear witness of Jesus Christ.

The Calling of Every Believer

- We are to Make Disciples Matt 28:16-20
- We are Witnesses Acts 1:1-11
- We are Ambassadors **2 Cor 5:13-21**
- We are to be Salt & Light Matt 5:13-16
- We are to be ready to give an answer 1 Pet 3:13-16
- We have been sent into the world John 17:13-18
- We are to love one another & John 13:34-35
- We are to display unity, so the world might know John 17:20-21

The Fruit Bearing Believer

A Balance of all Four Quadrants

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Quad I

Fellowship with God

John 15:4 Abide in Me

Quiet Time Bible Study, Meditation
Prayer, Spiritual disciplines

Walking in the Light, 1 John 1
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Eph 5

Growing Spiritually

Local Church Relationships

Acts 2:42; Heb 10:23-25

Devoted to one another, Rom 12:10
to Teaching, Fellowship, Prayer

Fulfilling my part of the "Embassy Work"
Exercising my Spiritual Gift

Sunday Morning,
Level 1: Casual Relationships

Quad II

Discipleship Relationships

1 Pet 3:15; 2 Tim 2:2

Spiritual Reproduction Embracing the role of
Ambassador

Seeking (in Prayer and Action)
those in my sphere of influence

Helping them to Find/Follow Jesus
Level 3: Spiritual Relationships

Quad IV

Small Group Relationships

All of the "One Another" verses Rom 15:7,14
1 Cor 12:25

Living out the "one another's"
Love, care, support, admonish Gal 5:13; 6:2
1 Thess 5:11
James 5:16

Living Life Together
Praying for one another 1 John 4:11

Home Groups,
Level 2: Meaningful Relationships

Quad III

Do I have healthy relationships in all Four Quadrants?