



I Have Decided

Week 5 – To Focus on Relationships

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Ecclesiastes 4:8 “This is the case of a man who is all alone, without a child or a brother, yet who works hard to gain as much wealth as he can. But then he asks himself, ‘Who am I working for? Why am I giving up so much pleasure now?’ It’s all so meaningless and depressing.”

God built us all to be in relationships. Some reasons we aren’t in them:

1. Being naive
2. Temperament
3. Fear
 - a. “Friendship is born at the moment when one person says to another, ‘What! You too? I thought I was the only one.’” – C.S. Lewis
 - b. “Everyone has issues they are dealing with, and if you think you don’t have any, this is your issue.” - Unknown
4. Past experiences
5. Busyness

What things or circumstances have stopped you from forming a relationship in the past?

Important things we need to do concerning relationships:

1. Nurture and build up your most important relationships (Colossians 1:19)
2. Restore broken relationships (Romans 11:17-18)
 - a. “The pain of unresolved conflict is greater than the pain of fixing it.” – Unknown
3. Sever any harmful relationships (Proverbs 27:19; Proverbs 13:20)
 - a. “Show me your friends and I’ll show you your future.” – Unknown
4. Initiate meaningful relationships (Hebrews 10:25)

What are some important relationships you have now?

Relationships to go after:

1. Relationship with a church
2. Relationship with a Connect Group
3. Relationship with a Connect Team
4. Relationship with God
5. Consider joining a Connect Group

Why is it important to value healthy relationships with people? Why is it important for our church to provide us with these opportunities?