

PARTNERSHIP

Relationships are everything

Week 5: Our Relationships with each other

Questions for this week:

1. Jon used the phrase “in it together” to describe our goal for our church: people who are deeply connected in good and bad times. Of all the people in your life, who do you feel is “in it together” with you?
2. Read Acts 20:25-38. What warning does Paul give the Ephesians in v.29-31? Do you think this warning is relevant for us today? Why/Why not?
3. When we hear gossip or divisive comments, we can either respond by pouring gasoline or water on it. Which is your tendency? Is gossip ever a temptation for you? If so, when?
4. Look at v.32. What does it mean to be committed to God and the word of His grace? Why do you think grace is so important in a church? What does a church look like without grace?
5. Look at v.33-35. How does Paul describe himself in these verses? Do you know anyone else who is a model for “living beyond yourself”?
6. In what way does serving others change your perspective on life? Do you think it adds or subtracts from your life? Why?
7. Look at v.36-37. Have you ever had an experience saying goodbye that was like the one described in these verses? What are the advantages to emotionally engaging with people in your life? What are the disadvantages?
8. Which area do you need to work on when it comes to connecting with others:
 - being an agent of grace
 - living beyond yourself
 - engaging emotionally with othersWhat step can you take toward working on this?
9. Who are you going to invite this week to our church for Easter Sunday? How can the group pray for you this week?