



Real vs. Ideal

RELATIONSHIPS FOR A 21ST CENTURY

OVERVIEW:

This week, Pastor Carl continued the Real vs Ideal series. He focused on society's way of taking offence vs God's ideal for us to be forgiving in our relationships.

Key Scripture

Luke 17:1

Matthew 18:21-35

Leader Tip

In this series as we explore relationships let's focus and pray for fruitful relationships.

Everyone wants relationships to flourish but often they can become complicated and hard. Yet, we know God's best is for us to be fruitful and we need His help.

Growing Disciples
Growing Relationships
Growing Community

Start Talking:

To what extent is forgiveness and mercy a feature in your relationships? Do you forgive easily or hold onto grudges?

Start Thinking:

Pastor Carl shared "My relationship to God is inseparable from my relationship with the people God has put in my life"? What do you think about this and what does it mean to you?

Start Sharing:

Read Matthew 18:21-35. What stands out to you about the story?

We have many misconceptions about forgiveness but what does forgiveness mean to you?

Can you recount a story of when you extended or received forgiveness. How did that make you feel?

Start Praying:

We struggle with forgiveness because we try to do it in our own strength but we need Jesus' help with forgiveness!

Spend some time asking the Holy Spirit to highlight unforgiveness in your heart and then ask for the strength to forgive. Pray for others who are struggling in your group.

Start Doing:

Commit this week to being a Christian who is recognised by their love for others. Here are three practical steps this week:

- Pray for them (Matthew 5:43-44_
- Bless them (Luke 6:27-28)
- Do good to them (Romans 12:17-21)