



## Real vs. Ideal

RELATIONSHIPS FOR A 21ST CENTURY

### OVERVIEW:

This week Pastor Carl explored why relationships can be so hard! He said that often the reason they are hard is because relationships are between sinful and selfish people and we need to adopt an attitude of service to remedy them.

### Key Scripture

James 4:1-3

James 3:16

Phillipians 2:3-4

### 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:

As we've gone through this series, have you noticed any change in your relationships?

### Start Thinking:

Do you find relationships a challenge? Which relationships are you struggling with currently?

### Start Sharing:

Read James 4:1-3. James says that the root of our quarrels are selfishness.

- In what ways, does selfishness manifest in your quarrels and relationships?
- Would that quarrel have ended differently if you had been less selfish?
- Why do you sometimes act selfishly?

### Start Praying:

God understands our human, selfish nature but He loves us too much to abandon us there. As you pray, ask for forgiveness and that God would help you to let go of the selfish ambitions in your heart.

### Start Doing:

The solution to selfishness is service. Commit every day this week to do an act of service to at least one person.