

CONNECT RELATIONALLY

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DON'T
FORGET
THE
"WHY"

INTRODUCTION

In the final week of our series, Pastor Chip admonishes us about the importance of connecting relationally. Christians must nurture relationships because it reflects the nature and heart of God! When we share life with others in a biblical way, we live out our faith and grow spiritually.

DISCUSSION

1. We imitate God when we connect relationally. In what ways did Jesus model healthy relationships for us?
2. Some of our greatest needs are to be known, loved and self-aware. How does nurturing relationships within the Body of Christ help meet these needs?
3. **Read Romans 12:9.** Discuss examples of how Christians can live out their faith together by imitating this verse.
4. Discuss Pastor Chip's story about Neil Wubbens. Why is a relational legacy most evident in the hospital room, funeral home and at milestone celebrations?

DO SOMETHING

1. Pastor Chip named some common excuses we make for a lack of connection with others. If any of these resonated with you, spend time in prayer this week asking Him to help you put excuses aside and strengthen your desire for relationships.
2. Is there a relational opportunity at church or in your community you're ready to engage in? Take a tangible step toward involvement by sending a text to a friend, registering for a class online or whatever the opportunity you have in mind may require.
3. **Read and reflect on Proverbs 27:17.** Each time you read it, ask God to help you seek out "sharpening" relationships.

RESOURCES

1. Watch David Platt's *Covenant Community* teachings on RightNow Media.
2. Read *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.
3. Read *Friend-ish: Reclaiming Real Friendship in a Culture of Confusion* by Kelly Needham.