



RELATIONSHIPS THAT WORK

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Before people know our God, they know us. And their view of God can be affected by how we interact with others. What do your relationships say without using any words? Having relationships that work gives you a witness that works. It's that simple.

If you love others biblically, are dependable and humble, and make a habit of moving beyond offenses, your relationships will point to the Father. How you love others reveals who you serve.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Looking back at your notes from Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Read I Corinthians 13:4–7. What does biblical love look like in action? What are some of the ways you express biblical love in your life?
3. Discuss a time when you had to practice old-fashioned dependability. Was it difficult? Was there a cost?
4. Tell about a time when pride got in the way of relationship. How did/will you reconcile?
5. Read Proverbs 12:16 and 19:11. Both verses instruct us to overlook an offense. Can you think of a time when you didn't do this? How did it turn out? How difficult is it for you to overlook an offense?
6. If how you love reveals who you serve, who are you serving?

IN ACTION

This week take a moment to consider the relationships in your life. Are they sending the right message? Be honest with yourself and surrender your relationships to God.

