

FM20 week three

These questions are for your growth and to prepare for the conversation in your Growth Group. We encourage you to read through them, spend some time thinking about your responses and write down anything that could aid in your Group. We also encourage you dig deeper, research, look for supporting Scriptures, etc. We are excited for your growth relationally and spiritual. **We recommend the Bible versions of - ESV, NTL, NIV, NASB and The Message.

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Series Overview: We all want happy, healthy relationships AND we have our moments. For the most part, a lot of us feel like we have no idea what we're doing. Some of us didn't grow up with great examples. Many of us inherited unhelpful instincts. So, what if you could give those around you something better than you got?

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//TALK

Ice Breaker - Would you rather only be able to whisper or only be able to shout?

Q1 – Take a moment and share about a time you had a person you respect “call you out” on something. What was it about them that made you respect them so much? Why are some mentors more effective than others?

Q2 – Read **John 1:14** [Read in different translations] What stands out to you in this passage? What does it mean that Jesus was full of grace and truth?

Q3 – Read **2 Samuel 7:2-3, 12:1-7, 13, 24-25** [Read in different translations] What stands out to you in this interaction between David and Nathan?

Q4 – What are your thoughts on the statement, “**Just because we're forgiven of our sin doesn't mean we won't still have to suffer the real world consequences of our sin.**”?

Q5 – Read **1 Thessalonians 2:8** [Read in different translations] Why do you feel Paul would make this statement to the people of this early church? [Essentially he is saying, “I'm committed to not just share with you what I know (correction), but who I am (connection).”]

Q6 – Grace & Truth. Connection & Correction. Which side of this equation do you and your family/friends/relationships need the most?

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Check out some more: Read 2 Samuel 12. Artificial Maturity by Tim Elmore, Generation iY by Tim Elmore, Gen Z by The Barna Group,

//THE POINT

Family Values are formed through relational connection.

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1 Thessalonians 2:8 - 8 So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

//PRAY

Take time to pray for the needs in your group. Pray for our church and our church leaders. Pray for the health of our church and our community. Pray for all the relationship in our church to continue to grow and mature. Pray for the families in our church to grow stronger. Ask God to help us be a healthy, growing church that connects with people far from God.