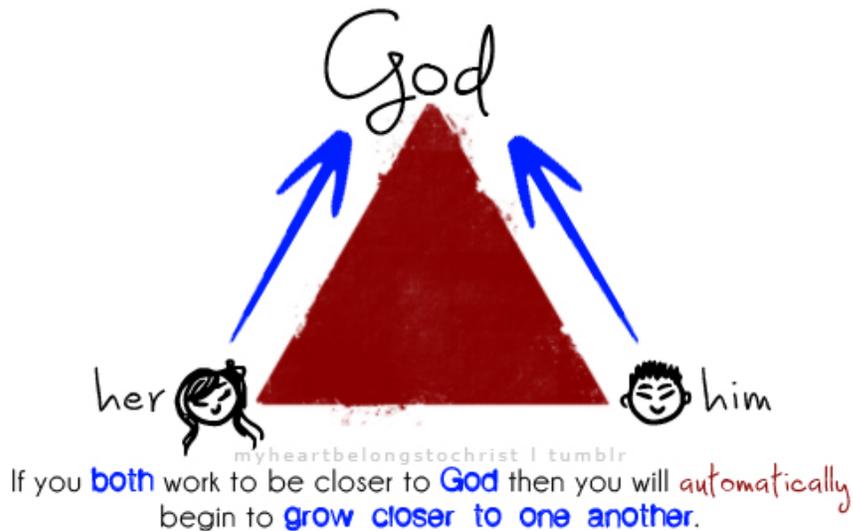


LESSON PLAN: #RELATIONSHIPS

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Relationship Goals - Part 3, Comparability

Formula for a healthy relationship



THIS WEEK: In this 4-part series, Pastor Miles shares biblical principles to create healthy relationships modeled after the Trinity. In Part 3, Pastor Miles reviews the Bible's first marital relationship, to explain that our marital relationships are to reflect our relationship with God.

Deuteronomy 22:16-17, Genesis 2:24-25, Genesis 1:28, Revelation 19:6-9

COMPARABLE - 'that which corresponds to', 'a counterpart,' 'an opposite.'

Opening Discussion - Study Questions:

1. Why was "It is not good that the man should be alone" in Genesis 2:18?
2. What were Adam's and Eve's "purpose" in the garden of Eden?

3. If we do not reflect & glorify God's image, then who's are we reflecting?
4. God has given each of us dominion or authority over who or what?

Group Activity - Putting Knowledge Into Action:

1. As a group make a list of ways that a work place or home can be used to create or foster an environment that reflects God's image and glorifies Him.
2. Give examples of relationships that were not focused on honoring or glorifying God. What "fruit" did these relationships bear?
3. Are there different "comparable characteristics" that we should look for in a friend, in a date, or in a spouse? Do or how do, these relationships differ spiritually?
4. Give some of the ways that marriage is comparable to salvation. (Hint: look up the verses listed above)

Going Deeper - Personal Challenge:

1. Both Adam and Eve had purposes in their relationship with each other and with God. Think back to your earliest relationship/s and write down what your purposes were for each other. Then write down what you think God's purpose was for each of you.
2. How have you, or do you administer authority over others? Have you or do you use your authority in such a way that it reflects and glorifies God? Or discredits God? Or ignores God?

Taking it Home - Application:

1. In the relationships you have now, ask each person what they think God's purpose is for them. Then determine if and how you are helping them fulfill that purpose.
2. Consider what would be the most effective or most natural way you can

reflect the Image of God to a friend or mate? Now go and reflect Him to them.

BONUS VIDEO: <https://www.intouch.org/watch/spiritual-growth/how-can-i-deepen-my-relationship-with-god-all-things>

MEMORY VERSE: Jesus said: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:37-39

TRIVIA: God chose from Adam the one bone that could regenerate itself. So, even though he likely had one less rib bone for some period of time, we still observe perfection and completeness in Adam physically before the Fall due to the regenerative capability of the ribs.

QUOTE: “That the woman was made of a rib out of the side of Adam; not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved.” Matthew Henry

LIFE GROUP PRAYER REQUESTS:
