

Sermon Discussion Guide Made for Relationships - Tim Knipp 1/14/24

Hook - Getting to know one another

- How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.
- What is one of the most meaningful friendships in your life? Share about what makes it meaningful.
- Share about a time in your life that you felt connected to a community. What made that community meaningful?

Book - Scripture

- Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying**:
- Read Genesis 1:27-28
- Genesis 2:18-25
- Matthew 28:18-20
- What do these passages tell us about human connection?
- What do they tell you about God's design for creational connection?
- List out all the ways these passages refer to relational connections.

Look - Connections to our world today

- This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.
- Why do you think that God chose for man to be in relationships? Why did God not say to man "creation and me is enough for man"?
- In Matthew 28 we see the idea that based on the Trinity, God himself is community. What do you think of that statement?
 - What does that mean for us as God's children?



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- These scriptures make it clear we are designed for connection. Even though that is the case, we clearly live in a very disconnected age. Why do you think that is?

Took - Personal Application

- This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.
- What are the moments in your life when it's so clear that humans are made for connection?
- Where do you see the lack of connection in our world?
- Have you made community a priority in your life? If yes, how? If no, why not?
- Self-reflection (optional share): How many deep personal relationships do you have? Do you feel truly connected community?
- What is something that you are hoping God does in you or your family's relationships?

Time of Prayer