

AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS ARE GOD'S GREENHOUSE FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Jesus had twelve close followers with whom He shared life and had a lot of spiritual conversations. We believe this is the normal context in which we are to grow in Christ. That's why we strongly encourage you to find at least one other person as you consider the following questions. Read the passages out loud and discuss them. When you speak, be very honest. This requires vulnerability, but God will use such trust in life-changing ways. If you would like to join a CARE Group, please contact any of our pastors or fill out a green Connection Card and drop it in a Communications box.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

Read Titus Chapter 2

Identify the reoccurring themes in this passage. Which words/phrases are most often repeated?

Which groups of people are being addressed here? Which directives are common to all of them? Which are unique?

Who will benefit from these groups of people responding in obedience? What will be some of the benefits?

What enables us to live self-controlled lives (2:11-12)? What will our self-controlled lives accomplish?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Teaching, training, and encouraging others toward spiritual maturity can seem like a daunting task. What barriers, real or imagined, stand in the way of you participating in these kinds of relationships?

Share a life-principle you have learned while either being taught by someone more seasoned, or mentoring someone with less experience. When was a time you were especially open to having someone speak godly wisdom into your life? How open are you now?

Who are those in your sphere of influence that you are being called to provoke toward spiritual maturity? What practical steps could you take toward teaching, training and encouraging them?*

Pray for one another.

*You may want to prayerfully answer the following questions in order to thoughtfully prepare: Which of his/her behaviors, attitudes or relationships are healthy? Which are unhealthy? What does he/she need from God? What does he/she need from me?

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