

Connect Group Notes

Sermon: How the Gospel Changes our Relationships

Reading: Ephesians 5:21-6:9

Date: 15th March 2026 (AM)

What encouragements / answers to prayer / opportunities have you had this week? Spend a few minutes sharing personal prayer requests and praying for one another.

Some questions in this study/passage refer to specific relationships. Feel free to adapt to the make-up of your group, you may not want to use all of them.

Read Ephesians 6:1-9

1. Paul restates the fourth Commandment. What does it mean, for you, to honour your parents?
2. Fathers are specifically addressed, to not exasperate your children, but rather the train and instruct in the Lord. How do these negative and positive commands help us to consider our own parenting?
3. How might v.7-8 transform your view of work – especially if you work is hard / dissatisfying?
4. What's the danger of being a people-pleaser?
5. What makes v.9 so radical? How might this shape your view of leadership and responsibility in the workplace?

Read Ephesians 5:21-33

1. There are two 'control verses' in this passage, that shape how we understand it – v.21 and v.32. How do these verses point us to the bigger picture?
2. What does it mean for a wife to submit to her husband? What doesn't it mean? In what ways can this be a blessing? Why does our culture find these words hard?
3. The husband is called to submit to the Lord, but his relationship to his wife is characterised not as submission, but as love. What does this love look like in action?
4. Marriage is a team / partnership / co-workers: How can husband and wife work together to declare the gospel through their marriage?
5. Paul has a bigger marriage in mind (v.32) – how does the 'ultimate marriage' shape your view of human relationships? (cf. Rev. 21, Isaiah 62)

Pray

Are there specific things we can pray for one another?

Pray for those continuing to do the Alpha course.

Pray also for the appointment of a new Music Minister and Seniors Pastor.