



THE RELATIONAL DISCIPLE

FOCUSING ON OTHERS

Focusing on Others

Discipleship groups purpose: Each member being transformed into the image of the Son.

Key Truth: Genuinely seeking the interests of others, ahead of one's own.

Read: Last weeks main point was focusing on the Creator and not on the creation. Only when we live like this are we able to genuinely put others interests and needs ahead of our own. 1 John 3:16 teaches us that if we know love, God, we ought to lay our lives down for our brethren.

Jesus laid His life down for us because of His love for us (John 3:16) and we are to follow the example we are given by the Son, as sons (1 John 3:16). We are called to follow in Jesus' footsteps and model this giving of our lives for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Philippians 2:19-22

¹⁹ But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition. ²⁰ For I have no one else of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare. ²¹ For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus. ²² But you know of his proven worth, that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving his father.

Questions:

1. What would a church that truly modelled this reality be like in demonstration?
2. What impact do you think this would have on each family member?
3. What does it mean to be kindred in spirit with one another?
4. How will this reality come about in a church family?
5. What are some of the reasons we may not be experiencing this life as a church family?
6. Where does the responsibility ultimately lie for a church to become like this?

Pray and encourage one another to press in to all God has for us.