

# The Relational Disciple



## Be Devoted to One Another

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

**Key Truth:** Being devoted to one another is to be part of our nature.

**Read:** Just like the bible says we are to be devoted to the apostles teaching, prayer, fellowship and the breaking of bread, we are also called to be devoted to one another. This ultimately is to be part of our nature and the way we naturally live. This posture is not of the flesh but of the Spirit, hence we need to be receiving the Word of the Spirit, if we are to live this reality out.

We are naturally devoted to ourselves and the things that we deem as important to us. This posture of pride needs to be arrested and smashed into pieces, if we will truly be devoted to one another and live our lives for others, the way God intends.

Ask yourself, am I devoted and living a devoted life, when it comes to spiritual family? It can be easier to do this for natural family, because it is of the physical or the natural. It's what comes natural to us and is effortless for most, while living like this for spiritual family is a challenge for many.

Ask yourself whether you are more devoted to seeing the body of Christ become all she is called to be, as opposed to seeing your natural family become all it can be, from a temporal perspective. Where do you find yourself placing your priorities, and if your family are followers of Christ, how much of their lives are being devoted in the same way? There is obviously nothing wrong with natural family, but our first placed priority is being devoted to Christ and to do His will, and this requires us to all be devoted to one another.

### **Matthew 12:46-50**

<sup>46</sup> While He was still speaking to the crowds, behold, His mother and brothers were standing outside, seeking to speak to Him. <sup>47</sup> Someone said to Him, "Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside seeking to speak to You."<sup>48</sup> But Jesus answered the one who was telling Him and said, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" <sup>49</sup> And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, "Behold My mother and My brothers! <sup>50</sup> For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother."

When we are devoted to one another, we don't leave one another or walk away from one another in any circumstance, other than the leading of God's hand. When we are devoted to one another we are devoted to work through all things and commit to all things, for the purpose of bringing glory to His name. This is the process of spiritual oneness or unity.

### **Questions:**

1. What would a church that is devoted to one another look like in action?
2. What would each member of this church consider as their greatest priority?
3. Any church family is made up of a whole lot of individuals coming together, which means if we truly want to see our church family being devoted to one another the way God intends, we must all commit to the process of spiritual transformation. How hard do we find it to be this committed and why?
4. Just because we attend gatherings on Sunday or during the week, read the bible and pray, serve in some formal role and sing songs to God, doesn't necessarily mean we are doing the Will of God. All this can be religious practise or activity. How are being devoted to one another biblically and the accomplishment of the Will of God intertwined?

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