

## Model

# # 5: The Christian: Intimate Relationship"

## The Message

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### Series

- God's plan is that through his sons and daughters, he would bring his peace and reconciliation to the world
  - the Church is the hope of the world
- That often is not the reality of Christians or the church
- It is a problem because Satan destroys John 10:10
  - Satan wants to destroy our world.
- We want to be like the church of Acts 2:43-48
  - This inspires us
- the reason we do not live this out is because we have been following the wrong model
  - in the church, as Christians, as men and women
  - If you build with the wrong plans, you won't build what you wanted
- We will look at God's model for the church, man, woman, and Christian

The model for a christian

### Reduction

#### Saved, good, and go to church

We think that being a Christian means to be saved, well-behaved, and go to church

#### Car == Metal

this is a reduction, like saying that a car is metal and Rubber  
It is, but it is so much more

#### A relationship

Being a Christian means being in a relationship with God: an intimate, fully satisfying and missionary

Being a christian means being in an intimate, all-satisfying, and missional relationship with God

By reducing it, we lose the essence of what it is

### 3 Questions

- What kind of relationship
- What do we get in this relationship
- What does this relationship produce in us

### **Our text**

Philippians 1:19-26

a picture of this relationship

## **What kind of relationship?**

### **Transactional**

We see our relationship with God as a transactional relationship

#### **life for salvation**

I give him my life

I get salvation from hell

#### **Obedience for help**

I give obedience and attendance

I get help with my problems, needs and desires

## **Big Idea: The relationship is intimate**

Philippians 1:19-26

A person connected with God in an intimate relationship

### **"Intimate?"**

example of the difference in my relationship between my relationship with my boss and my dad

There is a love, a connection

There may be transactional elements (wedding vows), but that is not the essence of the relationship

### **God draws near to us in love**

John 14:23

1 John 4:19

### **Jesus came out of love**

John 3:16

1 John 3: 16

John 13:1

John 15:9

John 15:12

### **Salvation is receiving the love of God**

Ephesians 1:4-6

1 John 4:10

### **He adopts us as sons**

Galatians 4:4-7

### **Application: How should we respond to this intimate relationship?**

We know how to respond to a transactional relationship: I do my part, you do yours

How should we respond to someone who loves us so much?

### **Not transactionally**

Responding to God with a transactional attitude dishonors him

Like how we would devalue our marriage and insult our spouse if we treated it like a transaction

### **By loving him**

1 Corinthians 16:22

Ephesians 6:24

### **By wanting to be with him**

not only for help and salvation

Philippians 3:7-8

### **Alone seasons**

Maybe this is why God puts times in our lives when we are alone/lonely

Instead of chasing after finding someone, we should chase after finding God

## **practically speaking: Seek God**

### **Enter/ commit**

Decide: believe, repent and be baptized

### **read the bible**

(constantly)

### **pray / meditate**

(ask questions, talk to him about Everything: every decision, emotions, Doubts / Uncertainties),

### **fast**

(regularly)

we say "doing this is difficult" - but when we love someone, we seek to find ways to be with them

**Next Step: What do you need to do / start doing in order to love God more?**

- make your decision to become his child
- Read more
- pray more
- Fast regularly:

**What will happen: You will be in an intimate relationship with your Creator**

**Communion: We celebrate that God came to us**

We ended by talking about how we should seek God

Do not forget that God came to us first: in Jesus on the cross, out of love. He seeks us.

It is not a religion about doing more, but rather accepting what he has done