Building God-Centered Relationships



A 7-day study focusing on creating family-like connections through Christ-centered relationships and welcoming Bible study groups.





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Introduction

Welcome to our 7-day journey on Relationships! In every culture and season of life, relationships form the backbone of our human experience. But as followers of Christ, *our approach to relationships* can be transformed by God's love and grace, shaping them into bonds that feel like family.

Hosting Bible studies that feel like family is not just about inviting others into a home; it is about creating a space where God's love is evident through genuine connection, vulnerability, and care. These gatherings become a microcosm of the family God desires for us—a community where everyone belongs, is accepted, and is encouraged to grow in faith.

Throughout this study, we will dive into Scripture to learn about *God's design for relationships*, His desire for unity, humility, and love among His people. You'll be encouraged to reflect on your own ways of relating to others, especially in the context of hosting Bible studies or fellowship groups that are more than meetings—they're welcoming homes.

Each day offers a primary scripture passage supported by other key verses, devotional reflections to strengthen your heart and mind, thoughtful questions for deeper engagement, journaling prompts to personalize the lessons, and a prayer to guide your focus on inviting God's presence into your relationships.







Whether you're a seasoned host or just starting to open your home and heart, this study is designed to help you build a relational environment full of grace, encouragement, and Christlike love. May your relationships not only glorify God but also serve as a beacon of His family to all who enter.

















Day 1: 🍑 Foundations of Godly Relationships

Your Verse

John 13:34–35 – "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Supporting Scriptures

- 1 John 4:7 "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God."
- Romans 12:10 "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."







Day 1: 🍑 Foundations of Godly Relationships

Devotional: Love as the Cornerstone of Relationships

Love is the foundation of all godly relationships. Jesus' command to "love one another" isn't just an invitation; it's a defining mark of His followers. When we gather in Bible studies or fellowship, love must be our guiding principle. This love isn't superficial or self-serving; it's sacrificial and modeled on Christ's love for us.

Think about what it means to love as Jesus loved. He showed humility, patience, forgiveness, and grace. When we embody these qualities, our relational gatherings transform. They begin to reflect the family of God—a place where everyone feels welcomed, accepted, and valued.

Ask yourself: How do I express this kind of love in my relationships? Am I creating an atmosphere where others see Christ through my actions? Hosting a Bible study that feels like family means that love is more than words—it's the way we connect, listen, and support one another.







Day 1: 🎔 Foundations of Godly Relationships

Reflect and Apply

1.	In what ways can I better reflect Christ's love in my relationships?
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	How does practicing sacrificial love change the atmosphere of my Bible study group?
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	What barriers might I need to break down to truly love others as Jesus commands?
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Day 1: 🎔 Foundations of Godly Relationships

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time you felt deeply loved by another Christian.
2.	Describe how you currently show love in your relationship circles.
	List practical ways you could make your Bible study group feel more like a family.







Day 1: 🍑 Foundations of Godly Relationships

Prayer for Today

Lord, help me to love others as You have loved me. Teach me to show genuine care and openness, so my relationships may reflect Your grace. May my home be a welcoming space where fellowship blossoms and hearts connect deeply. Fill me with Your love, patience, and humility as I seek to build connections that honor You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

















Your Verse

Romans 12:13 – "Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

Supporting Scriptures

- Hebrews 13:2 "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."
- 1 Peter 4:9 "Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling."







Devotional: Hospitality That Reflects God's Heart

Hospitality goes beyond opening a door—it's about opening your heart.

Scripture encourages believers to practice hospitality as an expression of love and care, welcoming others without complaint or hesitation. When we host Bible studies, cultivating a warm and inviting environment is essential to nurturing relationships that feel like family.

Think about your own living space and how it can be more than a physical location. It can be a sanctuary where people find peace, encouragement, and connection. The way we prepare for guests—through our attitude, our openness, even the little details—speaks volumes about how much we value community.

Hosting can sometimes feel overwhelming or imperfect, but God honors sincere hospitality. When we put humility and love at the forefront, our homes become fertile ground for spiritual growth and deep friendships.







Day 2: 🛕 Creating a Welcoming Space

Reflect and Apply

1.	How does my home or space currently communicate welcome to others?
2.	What fears or reservations do I have about practicing hospitality?
3.	In what ways can I prepare my heart to be a better host of God's family?







Day 2: 🛕 Creating a Welcoming Space

Journaling Prompts

1.	List ways to make your home more inviting for Bible study gatherings.
	Write about a memorable experience of being warmly welcomed by others.
	Reflect on any hesitations you have about hospitality and how to overcome them.
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Day 2: Creating a Welcoming Space

Prayer for Today

Father, teach me to be a gracious and joyful host. Help me welcome all who come through my doors with open arms and a loving heart. May my home be a refuge where Your love is felt and Your Word is shared freely. Give me patience and joy in serving others, reflecting Your hospitality perfectly. Amen.









Day 3: Encouraging Authentic Conversation









Day 3: 🙎 Encouraging Authentic Conversation

Your Verse

Ephesians 4:25 - "Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body."

Supporting Scriptures

- James 1:19 "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."
- Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."







Day 3: 🙎 Encouraging Authentic Conversation

Devotional: Fostering Honest and Healing Dialogue

Authentic relationships thrive on truthful and empathetic communication. In a Bible study setting, honest sharing and active listening build trust and deepen connections, much like family. Ephesians encourages us to speak truthfully because we belong to one body, highlighting the unity and vulnerability required to nurture godly friendships.

Good communication is not only about speaking but about listening well—being quick to listen and slow to speak helps us understand others better and respond with grace.

When people feel safe to express their struggles, joys, and doubts, the group becomes a place of mutual sharpening and encouragement. Reflect on your communication style and consider how you can invite authenticity and grace into your conversations.







Day 3: 💁 Encouraging Authentic Conversation

Reflect and Apply

1.	How comfortable am I with sharing honestly in my relationships?
2.	Do I practice active listening and patient speaking? Where can I improve?
3.	What steps can I take to create a safe space for others to share openly?







Day 3: 💁 Encouraging Authentic Conversation

Journaling Prompts

	Recall a time when open and honest conversation helped you grow spiritually.
2.	Write down any fears you have about vulnerability in group settings.
3.	Plan how to introduce conversation guidelines for authenticity in your study group.







Day 3: Encouraging Authentic Conversation

Prayer for Today

Lord, help me communicate with honesty and kindness. Teach me to listen deeply and speak with grace. May my words build up and encourage others as iron sharpens iron. Guide me to foster a group culture where everyone feels safe to share and be real. In Jesus' name, Amen.



















Your Verse

Galatians 5:13 - "Serve one another humbly in love."

Supporting Scriptures

- Philippians 2:3 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves."
- Mark 10:44–45 "Whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve."







Devotional: Humility and Service in Relationship Building

True relationship-building flows from a heart ready to serve. Serving others humbly reflects the nature of Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve. When we approach our fellowship and Bible study groups with humility, placing others' needs before our own, we cultivate a family atmosphere rooted in love.

Humility doesn't mean weakness; it means choosing to prioritize unity and care rather than personal gain or recognition. When all members adopt this posture, the group thrives as everyone supports each other, creating bonds that last through life's ups and downs.

Consider the ways you can actively serve and honor others in your community and how such actions deepen relational trust and love.







Reflect and Apply

1.	In what ways do I currently serve others in my relationships?
2.	How can I develop a more humble and servant-hearted attitude?
	What barriers do I face when choosing to serve rather than lead or be served?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time when serving someone changed your relationship with them.
2.	List practical acts of service you can do in your Bible study group.
3.	Reflect on how humility impacts your spiritual growth and friendships.







Prayer for Today

Father, instill in me a humble heart to joyfully serve others. Help me follow Jesus' example of servant leadership and love. May I esteem others above myself and seek to build up the body through service. Thank You for modeling perfect humility and grace. In Your name I pray, Amen.

















Your Verse

Colossians 3:13 – "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

Supporting Scriptures

- Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."
- Matthew 6:14 "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."







Devotional: Forgiveness: The Glue in Relationships

No relationship is without hurt, but forgiveness is the key to freedom. When hosting Bible studies that feel like family, forgiving one another as the Lord forgave us keeps unity intact and hearts open. Forgiveness isn't forgetting wrongdoing but releasing bitterness and choosing restoration.

God's grace teaches us to bear with one another, embracing imperfections and extending kindness. When we apply this in relational settings, tensions soften, trust is rebuilt, and love flourishes.

Reflect on whether any unresolved offenses hinder your relationships. Consider how extending grace might open doors to deeper connection and healing within your community.







Reflect and Apply

	Are there any relationships in my life needing forgiveness or reconciliation?
2.	How do I personally respond to hurt or offense within my community?
	What steps can I take to cultivate a grace-filled atmosphere in my Bible study group?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time God helped you forgive someone difficult.
2.	List ways you can practice grace and patience with group members.
3.	Reflect on the emotional or spiritual effects of harboring unforgiveness.







Prayer for Today

Lord, grant me a forgiving heart as You have forgiven me. Help me to release bitterness and to extend grace freely to others. May Your forgiveness transform my relationships and foster unity among Your people. Teach me to walk humbly and love unconditionally. Amen.



















Day 6:

Building Trust and Unity

Your Verse

Psalm 133:1 – "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

Supporting Scriptures

- Ephesians 4:3 "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."
- 1 Corinthians 12:25 "...so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other."







Day 6: Day Building Trust and Unity

Devotional: Nurturing Trust and Peace in the Body

Trust and unity are essential elements that give life and strength to relationships. The psalmist celebrates how good it is when God's people dwell together in harmony. This unity doesn't come by chance; it requires intentional effort, patience, and a commitment to peace.

In your Bible study group or fellowship, you have a unique opportunity to cultivate an environment where trust develops through consistent prayer, transparency, and mutual concern.

Remember, unity doesn't mean uniformity but rather embracing diversity with love and respect. When relationships are grounded in Christ, conflicts can be resolved with grace and understanding, building a strong spiritual family.







Day 6: **(**) Building Trust and Unity

Reflect and Apply

1.	What practical steps can I take to promote peace and unity in my group?
2.	How do I handle conflicts or disagreements within relationships?
	In what ways can I contribute to building trust in my Bible study community?







Day 6: **(**) Building Trust and Unity

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time when unity brought healing to a difficult situation.
	Identify any divisions or tensions in your group and brainstorm remedies.
3.	Reflect on how diversity within your fellowship enriches everyone.







Day 6: Building Trust and Unity

Prayer for Today

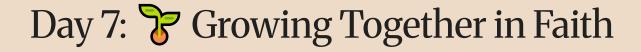
Heavenly Father, guide me to be an agent of Your peace. Help me foster unity and trust in my relationships and community. Teach me to seek understanding, to be patient, and to value each person as part of Your body. May Your Spirit bind us together in perfect harmony. In Jesus' name, Amen.



















Day 7: Forowing Together in Faith

Your Verse

Hebrews 10:24–25 – "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, but encouraging one another..."

Supporting Scriptures

- Colossians 1:10 "...so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God."
- Ecclesiastes 4:9 "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor."







Day 7: Forowing Together in Faith

Devotional: Encouragement and Growth Through Community

God designed us to grow together, spurring one another on toward love and good works. The habit of meeting regularly to study, pray, and encourage each other is vital for spiritual health and deepening relationships.

When your Bible study group feels like family, it becomes a place where faith is nurtured and accountability is loving rather than harsh. Growth happens as hearts are intertwined through shared struggles, victories, and learning.

Reflect on your commitment to gathering regularly and how your presence and encouragement influence the community. Consider ways to keep fostering an environment where faith flourishes and relationships thrive.







Day 7: 🍞 Growing Together in Faith

Reflect and Apply

1.	How consistent am I in meeting and encouraging my faith community?
2.	What role do I play in helping others grow spiritually?
3.	How can I better contribute to making our gatherings feel like family?







Day 7: 🍞 Growing Together in Faith

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about spiritual growth you've experienced through fellowship.
2.	List ways to encourage others in your group toward love and good deeds.
3.	Reflect on your personal commitment to community and participation.







Day 7: Forowing Together in Faith

Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for the gift of community and shared growth. Help me be faithful in encouraging others and in growing myself. May our gatherings be filled with Your Spirit, love, and unity, reflecting the family You call us to be. Strengthen our bonds and deepen our faith together. Amen.









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