

## RELATIONSHIPS

*Romans 5:10-11; Proverbs 27:6; 2 Samuel 23:15-18*

### SUMMARY...

In this series **5R**, we are exploring 5 keywords that God uses to help us close the gap between what we believe and how that belief shapes the way we live. So far, we learned that

- God REMINDS us that He knows where we are and wants us to see Him;
- He will REVEAL the things that cause our gaps; and
- Jesus offers a REST for our souls, even when walking through hardship.

This week we examine two specific ways in which **RELATIONSHIPS** with one another help close the 'gap' between God's desire for friendship with us and our experience of friendship with God. Specifically, RELATIONSHIPS help us to repent and remember the purposes of God.

### A FEW QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER...

1. *Reflect:* What impact is 'social distancing' beginning to have on you? In what ways was 'Social Distancing' a thing for you before 'Social Distancing' actually became a thing?
2. What thoughts come to mind when you hear the phrase: "God desires friendship with you"? For instance - does it sound nice, weird, unrealistic? How does that truth impact you? Does it humble you, excite you, scare you? In what ways does the concept of friendship with God just seem unrealistic?
3. Read **Romans 5:10-11**. Have you ever viewed yourself as an enemy of God? Why is it important to understand our relationship status prior to meeting Jesus? What did Jesus do to ensure this 'wonderful new relationship' that we can have with God – no longer enemies, but friends?
4. We all need relationships that will help us repent and relationships that will help us remember the purposes of God. Read **Proverbs 27:6** and **2 Samuel 23:15-18**. Why are

'wounds from a friend' beneficial? What do you learn about the relationship of Jonathan and David, namely how Jonathan helped David in the midst of trying times?

5. Relationships with fellow sinners are not easy. Share a time in which you helped your friends see what friendship with God is like, or a time when a friend helped you see a truth about God (either by the need to repent or need to remember a promise and purpose of God)?
  
6. Read **John 13:34**. How would Jesus have us love one another? List some 'practical ways' in which we can love as we have been loved.