

Connection Group Bible Study 02/20/2019

Relationships Part Three

7:00 Open in Prayer

7:00-7:30 Talk/Fellowship/Ice Breaker

7:30-8:20

Announcements:

If you have ever wondered about something in the Bible, about the church, about our Pastor, how to get involved, or how to handle a certain life situation, etc. here's your chance. You can submit any and all questions you have in person or online at: www.wearejoy.church/gotquestions. Pastor will be answering your questions in March at our Wednesday night Bible studies.

Tonight is our last Connection Group until April. Next Wednesday is our Night of Worship and March is our "break month" in which we will be meeting at the church from 7:00pm-8:30pm for Wednesday night Bible study. Classes are available for all ages starting at 6mos old.

For the month of February we have been discussing relationships. Tonight is our last study on this series. The first week we discussed **maintaining relationships**, last week it was the topic of **restoring relationships**, and tonight we will be concluding with **letting go of relationships**.

Is anyone able to discuss something from last week's study that stuck out to you?

As we know from life experience relationships are hard. We've talked about the importance of maintaining a healthy relationship and the steps to possible restoration of a broken relationship. A healthy relationship and a restored relationship are obviously what we are aiming to accomplish in life, but...

Have you ever been in a relationship that has been broken and seemingly beyond restoration? How did you come to that conclusion?

In the Word we are told in **Romans 12:18** "If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." **If we have done all we are able to keep the peace...would you agree or disagree with the statement that in order to keep the peace with someone, ending the relationship might be necessary?**

Tonight we are going to be covering some reasons why letting go of a relationship might be necessary according to the Word. Keep in mind though...before taking any steps toward ending a relationship we must seek God first! **Read Philippians 4:6-7**

Read Matthew 18:7-9 (Discuss)

If someone or something in your life serves no purpose other than leading you into temptation to sin, you have the obligation to cut it off. This becomes more difficult when you are talking about people in your life that you love, but it is necessary for your own relationship with God.

Read 1 John 4:1-6 (Discuss)

In all walks of life there are those that are true and those that are fake. The true Christ-followers will line up with the Word of God and those that are fake will contradict it. They may sound good, but the results of a false prophet or fake Christian are damaging and need to be exposed and dealt with.

Read Matthew 10:1-15 (Discuss)

We are called to spread the Gospel to the lost. We enter every relationship with that thought in mind. If we and the Gospel we are called to share is rejected, we are instructed to walk away and shake the dust off. We don't take offence with us. We don't take the burden of their choices with us.

What are some other reasons you have found that make ending a relationship necessary?

Close in Prayer – Pray for the health and direction of our relationships.