

Small Group Questions: United We Stand? / Why Our Relationships Don't Work

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This week, Pastor Adam Martin kicked off a brand new series called United We Stand?, to help us navigate relationships. We all want great relationships with our friends, family, or spouses, but if we're honest, they often fall short of what we were hoping for.

Pastor Adam Martin uses scripture to provide three ideas that guide us into better relationships.

Read

Proverbs 17:17, John 15:12-13, Genesis 1:26-29, Romans 5:8, 1 John 4:19

Reflect

1. Why our relationships don't work

- a. Who do I place expectations on? What expectations am I placing on that person?
- b. Where does my self worth come from? Have I learned self love from God or the world?
- c. Who in my life is an idol? Why do I place that person so high in my life?
- d. Where do I seek more validation: from people or from the One who created me? Discuss your response.

2. How our relationships were meant to work

- a. What does it mean that "from relationship, God created relationship?"
- b. When I have given with the expectation to receive?
- c. What looks different when I approach relationships with a heart of fullness versus an emptiness?

3. What we can do to make our relationships work better

- a. How can I increase my desire to "go to God first?"
- b. Who in my life do I need to focus on changing the dynamic of the relationship? (Make an intentional list and work through it)
- c. How can I learn to "own my part"?
- d. How can I show action rather than just words with someone?
- e. How does "worship" heal idolatry?

What do you think was meant by: "Before love is something we can do, it has to be someone we have met?"

Respond

Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?