



## **BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS**

### **Leadership Group Guide - June 2021**

As we read about Jesus' life and ministry in the Gospels, it is clear that He valued relationships. Whether it was Jesus teaching His disciples what it meant to follow Him, healing those in the community plagued with sickness, or ministering to those who were considered outcasts, Jesus regularly took the time to build relationships with those around Him. It was through these genuine relational moments that Jesus' love could be witnessed, shared, and experienced first-hand — leaving such an impact that those He ministered to would become His followers.

Jesus commands us in Matthew 28:18-20 to share the Gospel and make disciples. Just as He modeled, building a genuine relationship is an integral first step in the disciple-making process. Here are four steps to building a relationship with someone:

1. **Make consistent time in your schedule to meet with them.**
2. **Create a safe place for them to share and process their life.**
3. **Share with them your own life experiences and how God made a difference.**
4. **Ask how you can pray and practically serve them.**

As our state continues to open up and returns to some form of normalcy, we have a great opportunity to share the Gospel with those God has placed on our hearts. Whether it be an unsaved family member, friend, co-worker, and/or classmate, building a genuine relationship with them over time will give us insight on how to best minister and pray for their needs just as Jesus did - with the hope that it would lead to their salvation. As Small Group leaders, we have the opportunity to equip our Small Group members to live this out as well.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Who are you personally building a relationship with that is not yet saved? Share how that process is going.
2. How can you help the small group members that you oversee be more intentional in building genuine relationships where God has placed them (work, school, family, friend groups, etc.) so they can minister, share the Gospel and make disciples?

#### **Prayer Points:**

1. Pray that every member of our church would build genuine relationships with the lost that would lead to their salvation and ongoing discipleship.
2. Pray by name for the person you are currently building a relationship with and sharing the Gospel with.
3. Pray that those in our church not yet connected to a Small Group would step out in faith and join one.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

##### **Zoom Reimbursements**

Starting July, we will no longer be processing Zoom "Pro Package" subscriptions. If you already have your June or previous months of Zoom Pro receipts (beginning of May 2020), kindly email them directly to [info@pearlside.org](mailto:info@pearlside.org).

##### **Fresh Start Class - Every Sunday at 12:30 pm (Main Campus Only)**

Salvation, or the decision to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, is the most important decision we can make in this life. In Fresh Start, we discover how to know God through faith in Jesus and how to begin to have an eternal relationship with God. This class is for both those who are new in their faith and for believers who just transferred to Pearlside. For more information, go to [pearlside.org/classes](http://pearlside.org/classes).

##### **Growth Track Class - Sunday, June 13, 20 & 27 (Main Campus Only)**

Our faith is not designed to be static. God desires all believers to grow in their faith. The Growth Track is a 3 session class where we will learn how to follow God through the essential practices of Christianity which include how to grow in a spiritual community, how to read the Bible, and how to pray. For more information, go to [pearlside.org/classes](http://pearlside.org/classes).